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British Ship Held Up Near Gibraltar

Gibraltar, To-day.

The British steamer Great Hope, proceeding from Gibraltar to Antwerp, was stopped by insurgent armed trawlers a few hours after leaving Gibraltar yesterday, according to a reliable authority.

The Great Hope arrived in Gibraltar yesterday morning from Valencia.—Reuter.

Coronation Film In 8 Days

TO BE BROUGHT TO COLONY BY AIR

Within nine days of the Coronation ceremony, possibly a day earlier, Hong Kong will have an opportunity of seeing a complete cinematographic record of the Coronation Day celebrations in London.

Through the enterprise of Twentieth-Century Fox, the film of the entire pageant will arrive in the Colony by air on about the twentieth of next month, and will be released immediately at the Queen's Theatre.

Movietone News plans to make the coverage of the Coronation the major accomplishment of its history. The general manager of the company, Truman Talley, Gerald F. Sanger, producer of British Movietone News, Russell Muth and Lowell Thomas, editor, will be among the large number of executives who will direct operations.

TWENTY-EIGHT CREWS

Twenty-eight camera crews, including six technicolour cameras, will be used in photographing the panoply of Empire. Every step, which will be the most complete record of any event ever made, will be recorded in black and white.

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London, the background of the ceremonies, has been thoroughly scoured by executives of the company with a view to finding the most advantageous camera placements and this, combined with a comprehensive advance knowledge of all proceedings, give every indication that a picture will be produced which will be historical in value.

Government To Buy British Mining Royalties

London, To-day.

Abolition of the numerous obsolete rights and traditions, in part dating back to the Middle Ages, which have greatly handicapped the British coal mining industry for over a century, is to be undertaken by the Government at a cost of £66,450,000 by way of compensation to royalty owners.

This announcement was made by the Premier, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, in the House of Commons, when he said that the House would be asked to vote the sum of £66,450,000 to settle the claims of "ground landlords."

Rent has had to be paid to these landlords irrespective of whether the coal mines have proved remunerative or not.

OPERATORS TO PAY

Amount of the indemnification to be paid in each case has been decided in detail by a special arbitration committee appointed for the purpose, which has announced the total of the reward which the Government has decided to accept.

The mine operators will repay by instalments the money advanced by Government.

This is the first step towards reorganisation of the coal mining industry on a national basis, and above all towards resumption of work in mines, which, owing to existence of crushing ground rents, could not be made a paying proposition.—Trans-Ocean.

TRIBUNAL'S AWARD

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister informed the House of Commons that the Special Tribunal of Investigation of Mining Royalties had given a special award, under the terms of which the compensation payable would be £66,450,000.

He announced that the Government had decided to accept it and intended to introduce the necessary legislation as soon as possible.—British Wireless.

Dr. Kung Telephones Mme. Chiang

Shanghai, To-day.

Dr. H. H. Kung, Special Ambassador for the Coronation of King George VI, spoke over the Genoa radio telephone to Madame Chiang in Shanghai yesterday at 9.15 p.m.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

NEW TERRITORY FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA

Likely To Take Over Yukon

Victoria, B. C. To-day.

The Premier of British Columbia, Mr. T. D. Patullo, announced yesterday the conclusion of an agreement with the Canadian Government by which British Columbia will acquire the Yukon territory.

If the British Columbia Legislature approves, the territory will be absorbed in the jurisdiction of the province, making British Columbia second only to Quebec in size.

The Yukon Territory was constituted a separate political unit in 1898. With an area of 207,076 miles, it has a population of 4,230. Mining is the chief industry.—Reuter.

TOWN RAZED BY BOMBERS

Bilbao, To-day.

The town of Guernica, the ancient capital of the Basque country, has been entirely blotted out as a result of a three and a half hour continuous air bombardment, allegedly by German planes.

It is stated that 100 civilians were killed.

The town is just a blazing mass of ruins.—Reuter.

AUSTRIA'S EXPOSED POSITION

Lessons Of Schuschnigg Visit To Venice

London, To-day.

Commenting on the fact that Austria will be represented at the Coronation by the Foreign Minister, Dr. Guido Schmidt, "The Times" says that it is probable that Dr. Schmidt will seize the occasion to discuss Austria's exposed position.

The Mussolini-Schuschnigg conversations at Venice, adds the journal, have shown the danger of their position alike to Austria and Czecho-Slovakia.—Trans-Ocean.

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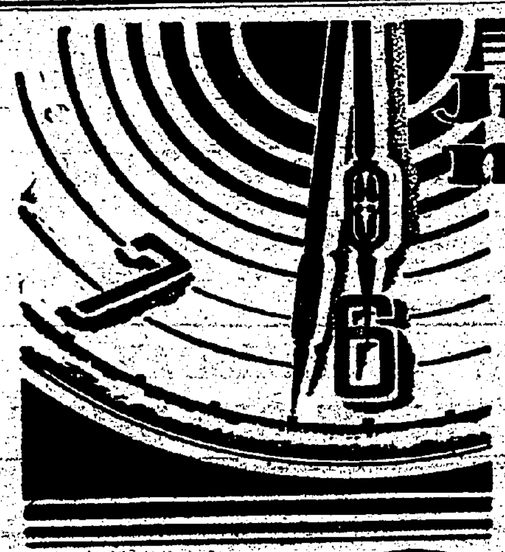

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The STORY of THE CROWN JEWELS

by FRANK C. PAPÉ

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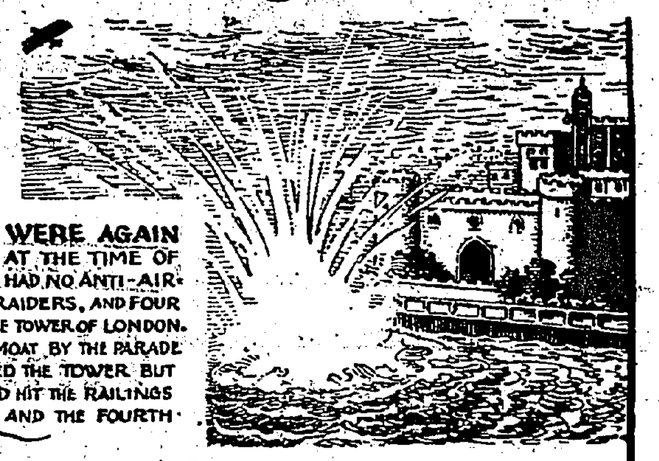
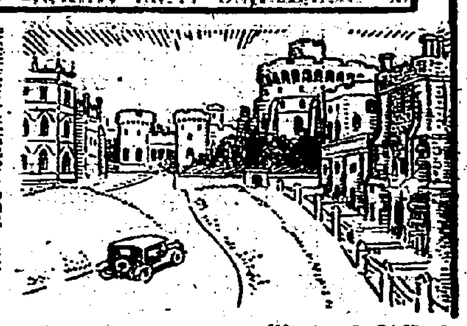


THE CROWN JEWELS WERE AGAIN IN DANGER:— AT THE TIME OF THE FIRST DAYLIGHT RAIDS WE HAD NO ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS TO DRIVE OFF THE RAIDERS, AND FOUR BOMBS WERE DROPPED NEAR THE TOWER OF LONDON.

THE FIRST FELL INTO THE DRY MOAT BY THE PARADE GROUND, THE SECOND JUST MISSED THE TOWER BUT HIT THE ROYAL MINT, THE THIRD HIT THE RAILINGS TO THE NORTH OF THE TOWER, AND THE FOURTH FELL INTO THE THAMES.

AFTER SUCH NARROW ESCAPES IT WAS DECIDED TO MOVE THE CROWN JEWELS TO A LESS EXPOSED LOCALITY!—

A ROYAL CAR DROVE INTO THE TOWER AND UP TO THE JEWEL HOUSE. IN A FEW MOMENTS ALL WAS ACCOMPLISHED, AND THE CAR WITH ITS PRECIOUS LOAD SPED AWAY TO WINDSOR CASTLE.



BIRTH-RATE INQUIRY

SERIOUS DECLINE AHEAD

REASONS SEARCHED FOR

A comprehensive programme of inquiry into the causes and consequence of the expected decline of population in England is outlined in a memorandum, "The Future of Our Population," issued by the Population Investigation Committee.

The memorandum states that, on the assumption that recent trends of fertility and mortality will be continued into the future, the present population of 40,563,000 will reach a maximum of 40,655,000 in 1940. It will then begin to diminish, and the decline will gather momentum as the years go by. The following estimates are given:

1950—39,766,000	2000—17,685,000
1975—31,452,000	2035— 4,426,000
1985—26,087,000	

Family Questionnaire

The committee proposes to make a statistical analysis of the history of population since 1870, when the birth-rate began to fall in the main geographical areas, with special reference to the different sizes of urban and rural communities and to occupation. This is to be supplemented by direct investigation of individual families through the card or questionnaire system.

Among aspects of the problem on which data will thus be sought are:

Differential fertility of social and occupational groups and of people at varying income levels,

Medical causes of infertility,

Economic causes, and

Social and psychological causes.

The committee intends to publish reports at intervals as its work proceeds.

The members of the committee, whose chairman is Prof. A. M. Carr-Saunders, include Lord Horder and Prof. Julian Huxley, Eugenics Society; Dr. Eardley Holland, British College of Obstetrics; Dr. L. S. Penrose, Medical Research Council; Dr. Stella Churchill, Society of Medical Officers of Health; representatives of the Royal Economic Society and the British Population Society, and other leading experts on population problems.

Wedding At St. Joseph's

Miss G. M. Simmons And Mr. Linley

Miss Gertrude Mary Simmons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. J. Simmons, was married to Mr. Nicholas Linley, son of the late Mr. F. F. Linley and Mrs. Linley of Gainsborough, at St. Joseph's Church yesterday afternoon.

The Rev. Fr. Brooks conducted the service.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Kathleen Simmons, as bridesmaid, while the bridegroom's bestman was Lt. B. J. Fitzgerald Donlea, of the Royal Ulster Rifles.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the Hong Kong Hotel.

DRILL DISPLAY

St. Mary's School's Programme

A Drill Display given by all the classes of St. Mary's is to take place in the school ground to-morrow at 5 p.m.

Parents, relations and friends of the pupils are cordially invited, as well as anyone who takes an interest in the school. The function will last for about an hour and a half.

Iraq And Turkey

Ankara, To-day.

Much significance is attached here to the arrival yesterday on an official visit of the Iraqi Foreign Minister.—Trans-Ocean.

THE WORLD GOES BY

A SENSATION has been caused, and desperate scenes took place, at the Hong Kong Jockey Club yesterday when it became known that the *China Mail* had purchased a horse named Bicycle Pump.

Bought at the price of $1.50 (cash), Bicycle Pump has been entered by the *China Mail* to race in the St. George's Plate, main event of the Fourth Extra Race Meeting at Happy Valley on Saturday.

Racing men will recall that Bicycle Pump, although a China pony, was raced in England last year and won the National Hunt Steeplechase, the Grand Military Cup, the Grand National, the City and Suburban, the 2000 Guineas, the 1000 Guineas, the Derby, the Oaks, the—but why go on? You have all heard of this wonder horse. Now you will be able to see it in the flesh.

In an exclusive interview with the *China Mail*, an elderly member of the Jockey Club yesterday said:—

"I felt like a flat tyre when I heard that Bicycle Pump was going to run."

Wild rumours have it that the Editor of the *China Mail* may ride the gallant beast at the Valley, but these reports are unconfirmed.

The whole of the *China Mail* offices have been transformed into a giant stable and all reporters have been instructed to wear spurs.

Lay all you've got on Bicycle Pump.

Don't forget—BICYCLE PUMP—St. George's Plate—Happy Valley—Saturday.

We are unable to reveal the time Bicycle Pump turned in for the distance. In fact, we don't even know what the distance is. But we are darn sure that Happy Eve, Expansion Time, Havoc Eve and other local hacks will have to look to their laurels when Bicycle Pump comes prancing out on the track on Saturday afternoon.

We are also unable to even hint at the probable jockey. (Note our complete silence. This in itself is most significant), but likely candidates for the post are Ulysses, the chief proof reader, one of the compositors, the sports editor (the most fitting choice, I think), the watchman and the junior reporter. In fact, the whole staff.

We are all in training and are eager to catch the eye of the manager and editor, who watch with a professional air our daily work-out on clothes-horses, rocking horses etc.

Apart from wearing spurs, the reporting staff have taken to donning Jodhpurs of terrifying hue and cut. Some have even been observed chewing straw, in the vain hope that this pretence to horsiness will improve their chances of being chosen as jockey to ride the *China Mail* miracle horse.

Further information on the progress of Bicycle Pump will be given in this column until Saturday. Watch for it!

ULYSSES.

Another Invitation To Gandhi

CLEAR STATEMENT IN COMMONS

London, To-day.

A further statement on the political situation in the Indian Provinces where Congress majorities have declined to assume the responsibilities of Government was made in a Commons answer.

"I observe from a recent comment as to the intention of the congress resolution that the main apprehension appears to be lest the Governors should use their special powers for detailed interference in the administration.

"Let me make it plain that His Majesty's Government have no intention of countenancing the use of the special powers for other than the purposes for which Parliament intended them.

"It is certainly not the intention that the Governors by a narrow or legalistic interpretation of their own responsibilities should trench upon the wide powers which it was the purpose of Parliament to place in the hands of the Ministries and which it is our desire they should use in the furtherance of the programmes which they have advocated."

CLEAR PRONOUNCEMENT

This clear and definite pronouncement was made by the Under-Secretary for India, who added, in reply to a member who suggested that there had been misunderstanding on the part of Congress leaders which should be removed on the spot in the interests of good government in India, that a request to the Viceroy from Mr. Gandhi or any other leader would be considered.

Mr. Butler also explained why Mr. Gandhi's suggestion of the reference of the issue of the Governor's powers to a tribunal was unacceptable, since it was not for such a body to decide whether the Governor could or could not consistently with the Government of India Act and his Instructions divest himself of the duties imposed upon him in the terms made by Parliament through those documents.—British Wireless.

WANG YING-YU

Leaves Canton For Nanking

Canton, To-day.

Mr. Wang Ying-yu, Commissioner of Civil Affairs, will leave Canton for Hankow this afternoon en route to Nanking. Whether Mr. Wang will tender his resignation or return to Kwangtung will only be known after his interview with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in Shanghai.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

Prof. W. I. Gerrard is to give his lecture before the Hong Kong University Medical Society on "Impressions of Medical Development in North China", on Tuesday, May 4, instead of Wednesday, 28th April, as previous announced. The lecture will be given in the Union Assembly Room at 5.30 p.m.

The President Hoover is sailing for the United States via Shanghai and Japan on Saturday at 9 a.m.

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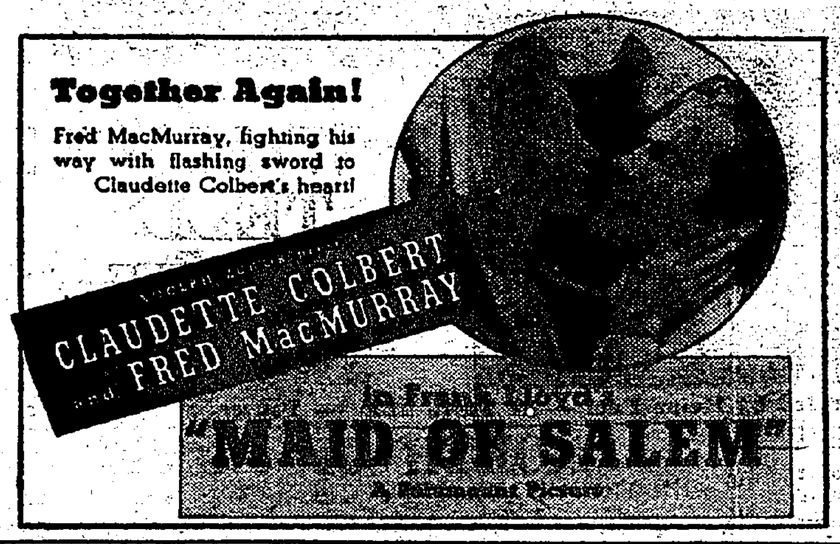

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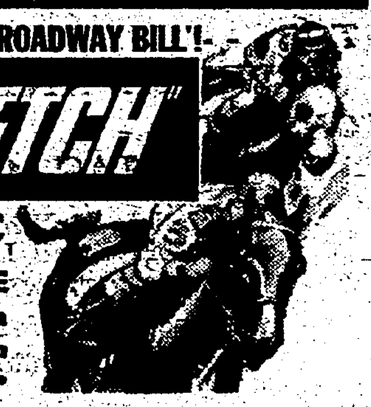

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Withdrawn Book To Be Published In America

New York, To-day.

The American publishers of Geoffrey Denis' book, "Coronation Commentary," which has caused such a stir in England, are not following the example of the British publishers in withdrawing the publication from circulation.

DECISION TO RELEASE THE BOOK FOR SALE WAS TAKEN AT A CONFERENCE OF EXECUTIVES OF DODD, MEAD AND COMPANY, THE AMERICAN PUBLISHERS, IN NEW YORK YESTERDAY.

William Heinemann, Ltd., the English publishers, withdrew the book following threat of a libel action by the Duke of Windsor's solicitor.

Chief objection to the publication was two chapters headed "Edward VIII" and "Abdication."

Announcing the reason for their decision in releasing the book for sale in the United States, Dodd, Mead and Company yesterday stated in New York the "book is intended to be a fair presentation of the meaning of British Democracy in the past century in its relations to the King.

BITTER DISAPPOINTMENT

"No-one can read the book without realising the author's bitter disappointment, shared by millions of his countrymen, over the sensational circumstances of the abdication, or without feeling that. all things considered. he has treated the Duke of Windsor with the utmost fairness."—Reuter.

WEDDING AT ST. JOSEPH'S

Miss L. Elizaga And Mr. J. T. Cotton

A pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Joseph's Church this afternoon when Miss Lourdes Elizaga, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felipe Elizaga, of Iloilo, became the bride of Mr. John Thomas Cotton Jr., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Cotton. The Rev. Fr. Riganti officiated.

The bride was attired in a satin gown with a long pleated train and carried a bouquet of arum lilies. She was attended by her sister Miss Rita Elizaga, who wore a light blue taffeta frock and carried a bouquet of pink roses.

The Misses Sylvia da Costa and Virginia Gonzalez were pretty flower-girls.

Dr. V. N. Atienza and Mr. John Alvares performed the duties of best men.

Following the ceremony, a reception is being held at the Hotel Metropole after which, the happy couple will leave for Macao, where the honeymoon is being spent.

Wong Yui-kwan, 16, was admitted to the G. C. H. in an unconscious condition after attempting to alight from a tram car while it was in motion.

The B. I. s.s. Santhia will leave for Amoy, Shanghai, Moji Kobe and Osaka on Thursday at 6 a.m.

Stopping Radio Interference

The Postmaster-General, Major Tryon, announced in the House of Commons that he intends to introduce legislation compelling owners of electrical plant which interferes with wireless reception to instal suppression apparatus.

This step was recommended as long ago as last July by a special committee of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, on which the Post Office and the B.B.C. were represented.

Noise-producing apparatus was classified in the following main categories:

Lifts in buildings;
Trolley 'buses and trams!
Household electrical appliances;
Small electricl motors;
Neon display signs;
Rectifiers for power plants;
Electro medical apparatus.

The committee suggested that the Post Office should have power, subject to appeal to the Electricity Commissioners, to enforce non-interference regulations.

STOLE OFFICER'S CAMERA

Youth Pleads Guilty: Second Denies Abetting

Shum Hoi, 17, and Leung Chan-lin, 17, a boot black, were charged before Mr. Keen at the Central Magistracy to-day with the theft of a camera and a basket containing articles of clothing to the value of $230.40, the property of Lieut. Col. A. B. Austin, of the Army Dental Corps, residing at No. 6 Aigburth Hall, from a motor car parked in Chater Road on Saturday night.

First defendant admitted the theft but the other denied the charge. The case was adjourned for 48 hours for further enquiries.

Mr. C. Brown, of No. 7 Leighton Hill Road, was fined $5 by Mr. Schofield this morning for leaving car No. 4014 unattended outside Alexandra Building on April 15 between 11.40 a.m. and 12.15 p.m.

To-day's Wireless

Mozart Concert By Local Artistes

Interlude At The Piano By Doreen Ma

12.30-2.10 p.m.—European Programme.
12.30 p.m.—New Symphony Orchestra.
1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Variety Items.
1.25 p.m.—Reuter Press, Rugby Press; Local: Weather Forecast, Time and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—A Relay of the Rotary Club Tiffin Speech from the Roof-Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.
Rotarian M. J. B. Montargis on "The Land of the Setting Sun: Morocco."
2.10 p.m.—Close Down.
4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7-11 p.m.—European Programme.
7 p.m.—New Dance Numbers.
Fox-Trot—
At the Balalaika.
Quick-Step—
With a Banjo on my knee.
Blues—
Where the lazy river goes by.
FoxTrot—
I found a Rosary.
Waltz—
Dancing in the Firelight.
Fox-Trot—
Love me to-day.
A nice cup of tea.
I'm just beginning to care.
Waltz—
I'm still in love with you.
7.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.
7.35 p.m.—A Light Saxophone Recital by Marcel Mule.
"Sadko" (Rimsky-Korsakov)—Chanson Hindoue.
Le Cygne (Saint-Saens).
Variations sur Malborough (arr. Combelle).

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La Precieuse (Couperin, arr. Kreisler).
7.48 p.m.—The London Novelty Orchestra.
Dream of Autumn (Joyce).
Choristers' Waltz (Phelps).
Neapolitan Nights (Zameonik).
The Midnight Waltz (Amodio).
8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—From the Studio.
A Mosart Recital
by
Eva Turner (soprano); William Knight (base) and Lindsay A. Lafford (pianoforte)
Programme
1. A Talk—
2. Soprano Solos—
"The Marriage of Figaro".
Whither vanished.
I forget what I am.
3. Duet—
"The Marriage of Figaro".
Ah! Cruel till now.
4. Pianoforte—
The 1st movement (Allegro) from Sonata No. XVI in C Major.
5. Bass Solos—
"Il Scraglio".
When a maiden takes your fancy.
"Marriage of Figaro".
So, Sir Page!
6. Duets—
"Dom Gievanni."
Now join thy hand with mine.
"The Magic Flute."
The Manly Neart.
8.35 p.m.—"Medea"—Overture (Cherubini) played by The Milan Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Lerenzo Melajoli.
8.45 p.m.—London — 'Growning the King'—2. A talk by Owen F. Morshead, B.S.O., M.V.G. M.C. (Librarian to His Majesty King George VI).
9 p.m.—Alfredo and His Orchestra.
In Gypsy Land (arr. Michaeloff).
Yiddische Wedding Fantasia (arr. Michaeloff).
Tell me Again (Groozs).
Russian Gipsy Sketch (Ferraris).
9.15 p.m.—From the Studio.
Interlude at the Piano by Toreen Ma
1. Harlem.
2. "Street Scene"—Morning.
3. A rhyme for love.
4. Who's afraid of love?
5. Goodnight, My Love.
9.30 p.m.—London—News and Announcements.
9.35 p.m.—Suite for Flute, Violin, Viola, Violencello and Harp. Op. 91 (D'Indy), played by Quintette Instrumental de Paris.
a. Entree on Sonate.
b. Air desuet.
c. Sarabande.
d. Farandelo varice.
10.12 p.m.—Song—"Casenova" — The Memory of a Kiss; by Arthur Fear (baritone) with the Coliseus Theatre Orchestra.
10.15 p.m.—London—Big Ben. "World Affairs." A talk by H. Wickham Steed.
10.30 p.m.—Variety.
Vocal—
Sally Horner.
Brian Lawrance.
Orchestra—
Alice Blue Gown.
Guy Lombardo and His Royal Canadians.
Vocal—
Why do you pass me by?
Jean Sablen.
Castanets Solo—
La Corrida.
"La Argentina."
Vocal—
Gone.
Leslie Hutchinson.
Instrumental—
Aria con variazioni.
Mario Maccaferri (Guitar).
Vocal—
If you pretend you're blue.
Murgatroyd and Winterbottom.
Organ Solo—
Love in Bloom.
Sidney Torch.
Vocal—
Head over heels in love.
Lilli Palmer.
11 p.m.—Close Down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Was It A Guess?

"But how could I tell that you had a singleton diamond?" West asked his partner mournfully.

"Of course you couldn't tell," East answered amiably. "I was just hoping that you'd *guess* it!"

As a matter of fact, East might well have been less amiable. The game contract just fulfilled against him would have gone down three tricks had West been able to "guess," and the real question (although, luckily, East was unaware of it) was whether it really had been such a "guess" after all.

South, dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
S.—7 6 4
H.—Q J 9
D.—K 8 7 4
C.—A K 8

WEST	EAST
S.—A Q J 5	S.—10 3 2
H.—8	H.—K 5 4 3
D.—Q 10 6 3 2	D.—5
C.—J 5 4	C.—Q 7 6 3 2

SOUTH
S.—K 9 8
H.—A 10 7 6 2
D.—A J 9
C.—10 9

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 heart	1 spade	3 hearts	Pass
4 hearts	Pass	Pass	Pass

North's three heart bid was despite his three honour tricks, a slight over-bid. The fact that he had only three trumps, even though they included two honours, and bad distribution, needed considerable compensation.

On the bidding it appeared to West that the opponents trumps were rather solid, so he disregarded the fact that a singleton trump lead usually is bad and opened it anyway. Dummy's jack was covered with East's king and the ace won. A heart was returned to the queen and a low diamond followed, declarer playing the jack and West winning with the queen.

At this point West had only to count the diamonds already played and in sight to see that only the ace and nine still were outstanding. Declarer was, of course, marked with the former card, but certainly it should have taken no great acumen to note that if he had the nine, as well, East now would be void and would ruff. On the other hand, if East held the nine spot and declarer the blank ace a diamond return could do no harm.

On West's actual return of a club dummy's king won and the trumps were drawn. Then the king of clubs was cashed and a low diamond led to the ace.

Meanwhile West had been running into serious discard difficulties. Forced to reduce to four cards, he had to guard the diamond suit and therefore could keep only two spades, the ace-queen. Declarer led the diamond nine and of course, West did not cover, since he could see that the nine blocked declarer from his established finesse. There was, however, an easy way out for declarer. He simply laid down the spade king, and after West had cashed his ace and queen, he was forced to make dummy a present of its diamond king. Thus five odd were made.

It would have been a vastly different story had West returned a diamond after winning the queen. East would ruff and lead a spade. Another diamond lead would result in another ruff, and a second lead through the king of spades, two additional spade tricks. The four trick swing was not entirely a matter of a "bad guess."

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: Do you recommend an opening bid of one spade on the following:
S.—A J 8 7 6, H.—A 8 5 4 2, D.—9 4, C.—10?

Answer: Yes.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE KING'S—"The Last Of Mrs. Cheyney," a new version, with the presence of Robert Montgomery, William Powell and Joan Crawford in the cast more than sufficient recommendation.

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AT THE ORIENTAL—"The Great Zeigfeld" — The sensational musical drama suggested by the spectacular career of Florence Ziegfeld, America's greatest showman.

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AT THE QUEEN'S—"Maid Of Salem," with Glaudette Colbert, Fred MacMurray, Harvey Stephens, Louise Dresser and Virginia Weidler. The gay and carefree love making of a dashing fugitive from Virginia brought the wrath of old New England on the courageous girl he taught to love.

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AT THE MAJESTIC — "G-Men," with James Cagney. A Warner Bros. production depicting the activities of the secret service men of the American Police.

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AT THE ALHAMBRA—"William Tell," with Conrad Veidt and Hans Marr.—The Swiss legend of the peasant who shot an apple off his son's head and liberated his country from Austrian tyranny. The picture has as its background the snowy mountains of Switzerland.

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AT THE STAR—"One More River," with Diana Wynyard, Frank Lawton and Colin Clive. The story of a woman who accepted the stigma of a jury's judgment rather than reveal the real reason for leaving her husband.

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COMING PICTURES

"Green Pastures," the most talked about film for several years. Banned in England and then permitted to be shown, it has since passed the Censor in China and Hong Kong. Coming to the King's.

"Banjo on My Knee."—With Barbara Stanwyck, Joel McCrea, Helen Westley, Buddy Ebsen, Walter Catlett, Katherine de Mille and Anthony Martin. A thrill musicale, depicting the tragi-comedy that is the life story of the river-boat people on the Mississippi. Coming to the Queen's.

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"Pennies From Heaven"—with Bing Crosby, Madge Evans, Edith Fellowa and Louis Armstrong. The gayest fun-show of the new season. Coming to the King's.

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"Mama Steps Out"—A girl whom her mother hopes will marry a cultured foreigner elopes with an American crooner. Starring Stanley Morner and Betty Furness. Coming to the King's.

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"After The Thin Man,"—with Miss Myrna Loy as Nora Charles, epitome of the sophisticated modern wife who assists her famous husband William Powell in ferreting out crimes against a San Francisco background. Coming to the King's.

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"Hideaway Girl"—An excellent mystery story and gay music supplied in the Martha Raye manner, starring Shirley Ross and Robert Cummings. Coming to the Queen's.

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"Johna Meade's Woman"—a powerful story starring Edward G. Arnold and Francine Larrimore. Coming to the Queen's.

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"Peg Of Old Drury," with Dorothy Robinson, Anne Neagle and Cedric Hardwicke. Featuring the star of "Bitter Sweet" and "Nell Gwyn." One of the best British pictures yet produced. Coming to the Star.

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"Charlie Chan At The Opera" — A Comedy adorns the latest mystery adventure, which brings in Boris Karloff as the wily Chinese sleuth's Maniacal foe. Coming to the Queen's.

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FALL OF DURANGO CLAIMED BY INSURGENTS ON BASQUE FRONT

LONDON BUS DISPUTE.

London, To-day.

The London bus dispute was the subject of a five-hour discussion yesterday at the Ministry of Labour, where at the invitation of the Ministry, the chief representatives of the London Passenger Transport Board and the workers' Union met in the afternoon.

After two hours the parties decided to hold separate discussions, in regard, it is understood, to certain proposals made by the representative of the Ministry.

The conference adjourned at 9 o'clock last night until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The position is now regarded as somewhat more hopeful. The mere fact of adjournment of the conference is regarded as indication that the parleys have not broken down.—Reuter.

NEW DECORATION

Cross Of The German Eagle

Berlin, To-day.

The "Cross of the German Eagle," a new Order, is to be given to foreigners who render conspicuous service in improving relations between their country and the Reich.

The new Order is stated to be the idea of Herr Hitler himself, and will be conferred on several foreigners on May 1.

The new Order will be conferred in several grades, and will be awarded only to foreigners.—Trans-Ocean.

KING'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

London, To-day.

The King and Queen celebrated the 14th anniversary of their wedding to-day. The bells of St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle, where their Majesties are in residence, were rung.—British Wireless.

Mongolian Prince To See Chiang

Shanghai, To-day.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is to give an interview to Prince Sha, the Mongolian prince loyal to the National Government, this afternoon at his residence in the French Concession.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

Mr. James Gerard In London

London, To-day.

Mr. James Gerard, United States Ambassador in Berlin during the Great War, arrived in London yesterday.

Mr. Gerard is one of the United States three representatives at the Coronation.—Trans-Ocean.

Italian Army Flier Killed

Turin, To-day.

An Italian air force officer was killed when a pursuit plane he was stunting near Turin crashed from a height of several thousand feet.

No explanation is given of the crash.—Trans-Ocean.

FLOOD PERIL IN U.S.

FOUR STATES AGAIN THREATENED

New York, To-day.

Swollen by continuous rains, flood waters are again threatening parts of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland and West Virginia.

These States have still not completely recovered from the disastrous floods of January, and urgent precautions are being taken to protect the population.

Bridges have been washed away and the inhabitants in low-lying sections are evacuating their homes.

Business has been suspended in several small towns.—Reuter.

STALIN WEDS FOURTH WIFE

Warsaw, To-day.

Stalin has just married for the fourth time, says a brief report appearing in a Polish newspaper.

His new wife, Dora Ehozan, is the former consort of the Dictator of the Caucasus.

Stalin's previous wife, from whom he was divorced quite recently, was the niece of the Commissar for Transport, M. Kaganovitch.—Trans-Ocean.

GAIN ACCESS TO BILBAO ROAD

(SPECIAL TO THE "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

THE INSURGENT FORCES ON THE BASQUE FRONT HAVE CAPTURED THE TOWN OF DURANGO, UNTIL RECENTLY HEADQUARTERS OF THE REPUBLICAN DEFENCE, AND A TOWN FOR WHICH THOUSANDS OF LIVES HAVE BEEN SACRIFICED.

CAPTURE OF DURANGO, SAYS A REPORT FROM BILBAO, GIVES THE REBELS COMMAND OF THE EXCELLENT ROAD TO BILBAO.

THE INSURGENTS CLAIM TO BE ONLY 29 KILOMETRES FROM BILBAO ITSELF AND ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE TOWN WILL SOON FALL.

The insurgent offensive on the eastern sector of the Basque front is being successfully carried out, according to reports reaching Paris from Spain.

WIDE RETREAT

The rebels have occupied a large stretch of territory south of Durango without meeting with serious resistance.

Pilots of rebel planes report that the Republicans are retreating on a wide front.

Although minor skirmishes between the rebel vanguard and the Republican rearguard have taken place, the operations are mainly in the nature of "mopping up."—Trans-Ocean.

MADRID BOMBARDMENT

Madrid, To-day.

Ruthless shelling of the city of Madrid by insurgent artillery continued unabated yesterday and it is estimated that from 10 to 15 were killed and fifty injured by yesterday's bombardment.

The indiscriminate shelling of the city stopped in the afternoon after Government aircraft bombed the insurgent batteries.

Shells fell in the streets and squares, and civilians rushed madly to underground shelters.

A big explosion occurred near the Cortes building, which, however was not hit.—Reuter.

BASQUE ADVANCE

Hendaye, To-day.

The insurgent wireless claims that the advance in Basque territory continues, and that the rebels have occupied the town of Verriz, three miles east of Durango, and the heights of Corre Deita, which command Ermua.

Reports from San Sebastian reaching the frontier state that hospitals in the town and surrounding district are unable to accommodate the great numbers of insurgent wounded brought back from the battlefield.

Public buildings and private houses have been turned into auxiliary hospitals.—Reuter.

BRITISH PROTEST

Recent Incident Off Bilbao

London, To-day.

The British Ambassador at Hendaye has been instructed to protest to the Spanish insurgent authorities at Salamanca regarding interference by their warships with three British merchant ships, McGregor, Wamsterley and Stanbrook, which were proceeding to Bilbao on April 23, carrying food. General Franco has been fully acquainted with British policy concerning British ships on the high seas.

When his attention was called in a Commons question to the arrival of five British merchant ships at Bilbao over the weekend, Lord Cranborne replied that the experience of these ships did not indicate any change in the situation since the Government stated on April 20th that its information did not enable it to advise entering Bilbao and that as regards other ports, such as Santander and Gijon, there was a degree of risk which might vary from day to day.

Replying to a question on the situation at Bilbao with particular reference to warship interference, the President of the Board of Trade recalled that the position was constantly under review by the Government.—British Wireless.

CHINA QUERIES RAISED IN PARLIAMENT

NEWLY FORMED GOVERNMENT WOOD OIL MONOPOLY

London, To-day.

The China Vegetable Oil Corporation was the subject of a question in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. A. E. L. Chorlton, Conservative member for Bury.

IN HIS REPLY THE UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, VISCOUNT CRANBORNE, SAID HE HAD BEEN KEPT INFORMED BY THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN CHINA OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE COMPANY.

Controlling interest in the concern appeared in practice to be held by the Chinese Government.

From such indications of the corporation's policy as could be discerned at present, it appeared possible that it might undertake the marketing of wood oil as soon as it was in a position to build up the necessary organisation.

In reply to a further question from Mr. Chorlton, Lord Cranborne stated that a full report from the British Ambassador on the whole question of Chinese law relating to registration of trade marks and covering the question of imitation of British trade marks in China was expected to reach Mr. Eden in a few days.—Reuter.

WITHDRAWAL OF VOLUNTEERS

London, To-day.

The technical sub-committee of the international non-intervention committee, appointed to prepare a scheme for the withdrawal of non-Spanish combatants from Spain, had its first meeting at the Foreign Office yesterday, according to a Parliamentary answer. The Chairman's sub-committee will meet to-day.—British Wireless.

BRITISH DEFENCE LOAN

£100,000,000 Issue At Two And Half Per Cent

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF MARKET

London, To-day.

Britain's first Government issue of National Defence Bonds for financing the new defence programme is announced for April 29.

THE BONDS, THE OFFER OF WHICH DOES NOT EXCEED A TOTAL OF £100,000,000, WILL BE ISSUED AT 90-1/2 AND WILL BEAR 2 1/2 PER CENT. INTEREST.

The loan will be redeemable before the end of 1948 by annual drawings at par of not less than twenty per cent. of the amount of the loan. First drawing will be in the Autumn of 1944.

The first dividend will be 13/– per cent.

There will be a special Post Office issue of amount up to £1,000 in multiples of £5.

MARKET QUESTION

Asked in the House of Commons yesterday why he proposed to issue £100,000,000, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, said there was no necessary relation between borrowing and the amount it was proposed to provide by way of appropriations in aid this year.

Government would issue bonds or loans as the market may appear favourable, he added.—Reuter.

STATEMENT IN COMMONS

The terms of the £100,000,000 issue to be made on Thursday were announced at Commons question time by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who explained that in the general interests of local authorities and other borrowers it was desirable that the market should know his intentions in respect to borrowing under the recent Defence Loans Act.

Mr. Chamberlain said it was proposed to advertise on Wednesday morning the details of the issue to be sold on Thursday. It would be a short to medium term security, redeemable before the end of 1948 by annual drawings at par. Subscriptions would be payable by instalments over three months and the first dividend would be thirteen shillings per cent. on September 15, 1937.

He intimated that special arrangements would be made for the small investor through the Post Office and Trustee Savings Banks. The proceeds of the issue until required for financing the defence programme would be available for reducing the floating debt and would, in any case, cover the estimated expenditure of £80,000,000 to be met this year from borrowed monies, observed the Chancellor, who reminded Major Attlee, in reference to a discrepancy between the figures of the loan and of the appropriation in aid provided for in Estimates that the Government would issue the bonds or loans just as the market might appear to be favourable.

City writers in the evening press say that news of the issue was well received.—British Wireless.

SOVIET FIVE-YEAR PLAN

Completed Nine Months Ahead Of Schedule

Moscow, To-day.

The second Soviet Five-Year Plan has been carried out nine months ahead of schedule, states the report of the central statistical bureau, published yesterday.

Although the report admits that petroleum production and the output of the mining industry are still behind schedule, it states that the output of Soviet industries is now seven times as great as in pre-War days.—Trans-Ocean.

China's Coronation Delegates

Genoa, To-day.

The Chinese Minister of Navy, Admiral Chen Shao-kwan, one of China's two main delegates to the Coronation, left for London last night via Paris.

The Minister of Finance, Dr. H. H. Kung, is expected to leave Genoa for Vienna and Prague to-day.—Reuter.

NEW DUTCH LINER FOR BATAVIA ROUTE

Order Placed For Big Motorship

Amsterdam, To-day.

An order has been placed by the Nederland Royal Mail for a new passenger motorship of 20,000 tons for the Amsterdam-Singapore-Batavia run.

The new vessel will be fitted with three screws and will do the voyage to Batavia in four days less than at present.

It will accommodate 513 first and second class passengers, 148 third class, and 52 fourth class, and is expected to attain a speed of 21 knots.

It is hoped to place the new luxury liner in commission by July, 1939.—Trans-Ocean.

FELL ON SPIKE

Suffering from serious injuries received when he fell on a pointed iron bar while playing near the Old Market at West point, Hon Kin Fang, 11, was admitted to the G. C. H. yesterday.

Negro Communist Freed

Washington, To-day.

The Supreme Court yesterday set aside a sentence of 18 to 20 years' penal servitude imposed in 1932 on Angelo Herndon, a Negro Communist organiser.

The Court ruled that interpretation by the Georgia courts (where Herndon was sentenced) of the Law of 1871, prohibiting insurrection against the State, had been unconstitutional.

The statute invoked by the courts violated the guarantees of liberty embodied in the Fourteenth Amendment.

The State said Communist literature was found in Herndon's possession advocating establishment of a "black belt republic" in the south after seizure of all land belonging to Whites.

Herndon, who is at present free on bail, contended there was no evidence that he advocated violence or other unlawful acts.—Reuter.

TIENTSIN-TOKYO AIR LINE

Commencing Operations On June 1

Tientsin, To-day.

The Hui Tung Company will operate the North China to Japan air service as from June 1. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, a machine will leave Tientsin at 7.50 a.m. to arrive in Tokyo at 5.30 p.m. Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, the same machine will return to China.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

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ONE MAN'S GRIEVANCE

GENTLEMEN who flip though pages of papers in the male-trapping industry, are deterred in this casual practice by the shockingly frank advertising illustrations of intimate items of feminine merchandise. A true gentleman would no more tarry in deliberate inspection of such gems of commercial art than he would pause after blundering accidentally upon an alarmed female stranger partially immersed in a bathtub off the guest room.

This Victorian modesty has preserved a chivalry costly to gentlemen. It has allowed a development of male gullibility to a pathetic degree. To-day, even though children are educated in the facts of life and have no longer a prurient curiosity in the lascivious bumble bee on the pollenising prowl for a trusting virgin rose, millions of males grow to adulthood in the bashful, blind belief that the female form divine is both female and divine. There eventually comes a time when the penalty of this male ignorance must be paid.

Bewildered, disillusioned young men in the darkness sob convulsively, "Why didn't Daddy tell me?" This black sadness has fallen on men before and will fall again. What is Havelock Ellis doing about it; Ellis who has dealt himself a hand in almost everything that used to be strictly the stork's business?

Let us then fend for ourselves. Let us boldly seize this menace of the most virulent boob-bait of modernity, the arch brassieres and/or its companion harnesses, the sinister, sinuous girdles and corsets of the predatory female. There is more than a hunch that these masquerade costumes are doing more than any other factors in civilisation to destroy man's faith in the finer things of life.

Consider thoughtfully these camouflages from the viewpoints of the anthropologist and sociologist. Be on your guard as you bravely go after a study of the brazen but insidious advertisements you hitherto have blushingly skipped. The subject has the alluring danger of a "wet paint" sign. It's difficult to keep your hands off despite all warnings.

Now, honestly, what chance has a man got when he is snatched almost from innocent boyhood to come face to face with the Mephistophelian ingenuity of those who plot his downfall with the wily brassiere, bandeaux or whatever trick names happen to be applied to these artful devices?

The utter helplessness of the male, under the circumstances, becomes poignant when one recalls what a fast one was put over by the eminent Mr. Conde Nast, high priest of the women's fashion journalists.

The Great Conde outdid the Great Ziegfeld as a glorifier by an almost unbelievably great margin. Nast, with his genius in selecting artists and writers and his bravado in turning them loose to do their damnedest, achieved the remarkable success of glorifying the ugly woman.

Women with faces like gargoyles were smarted up in pictures made under the Nast management so that even keen-eyed and discriminating men got used to them. These women ultimately shared the destiny of vice according to lines of Mr. Pope:

"Vice is a monster of so frightful mien,
As, to be hated, needs but to be seen;
Yet seen too oft, familiar with her face,
We first endure, then pity, then embrace."

Now, at the embracing stage of this fantastic development, let us note from the advertisements what the man gets:

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"Lines of uninterrupted beauty."

"The ultimate in abbreviation."

"Smooth, slender line of unbroken grace."

"High youthful contour."

"Figure-moulding magic."

"Gay bits of witchery."

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DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY

Mr. Eden In Brussels: Gen. Goering In Rome

Mr. Anthony Eden.

No Disclosures On Subject Of Discussions

London, To-day.

Long and important diplomatic conversations were recorded in two European capitals yesterday, though the nature of the talks has not been disclosed.

THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY, MR. ANTHONY EDEN, TALKED WITH THE BELGIAN PREMIER (M. PAUL VAN ZEELAND) AND FOREIGN MINISTER (M. SPAAK) FOR TWO HOURS AND 40 MINUTES AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE IN BRUSSELS YESTERDAY MORNING.

After lunch, Mr. Eden had another talk with M. van Zeeland at the British Embassy.

He will see M. Spaak alone this morning and all three statesmen will meet again this afternoon.

In Rome, General Hermann Goering and the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Galeazzo Ciano, exchanged views for nearly three hours, after which General Goering had forty minutes conversation with Signor Mussolini.

POSITION IN SPAIN

While the Prussian Premier's visit is officially described as private, it is understood that the position in Spain and the German Four-Year Plan for economic self-sufficiency were the principal subjects discussed.

Both Germany and Italy are suffering from a shortage of raw materials, and it is suggested that they may pool methods of production of synthetic materials.—Reuter.

"HIGHLY SATISFIED"

Brussels, To-day.

Following Mr. Eden's conversations this morning, M. Spaak told newspaper correspondents that he was "highly satisfied" with this first contact.

Economics, he said, would be the main subject of discussion in the afternoon's meeting.

A luncheon given at the British Embassy yesterday in honour of the visiting British Foreign Secretary was attended by M. van Zeeland, M. Spaak, the Belgian War Minister, General Henri Denis, and the Minister of Agriculture, M. Hubert Pierlot.

Mr. Eden is scheduled to leave Brussels for London this afternoon (Tuesday).—Trans-Ocean.

NO ROME STATEMENT YET

Rome, To-day.

No statement was issued after the Goering-Mussolini-Ciano talks and the greatest secrecy is being maintained as to what passed between the three statesmen.

General Goering is due to leave Rome this morning. He will fly back to Berlin via Florence.—Trans-Ocean.

General Goering.

A NEW WORLD CONFERENCE

GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE

London, To-day.

His Majesty's Government consider that before any steps are taken to summon a further world conference a thorough and comprehensive investigation is required to ascertain that there is a prospect of success.

In repeating this statement in a Commons answer, Lord Cranborne recalled that His Majesty's Government and the French Government had recently invited the Prime Minister of Belgium to undertake informal enquiries as to the possibility of securing a general relaxation of the obstacles to international trade.

Monsieur Van Zeeland had been good enough to accept this invitation and His Majesty's Government were of opinion that the results of his investigations should be awaited before the question of summoning a world conference was considered.—British Wireless.

MISS EARHART TO RESTART

World Flight To Begin This Week

New York, To-day.

Miss Amelia Earhart, the American aviatrix, disclosed yesterday that she was starting on another attempt at a world flight.

Miss Earhart crashed at Honolulu last month when taking off and her plane had to be shipped back to the United States for re-building.

Now she plans to take off from Burbank, California, before May 1.—Reuter.

TRESPASSING IN FORT

Found trespassing on military fortifications at Gough Battery, Devil's Peak, yesterday morning, Lam Fuk, 37, a stone breaker, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment by Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Sergeant Jackson said defendant and two others were seen by Gunner Ford trying to remove a girder from under a dismantled gun. Defendant had no business in the fort.

BELGIUM AND LOCARNO

German Comment On Development

Berlin, To-day.

Commenting on the Franco-British release of Belgium from her obligations under the Locarno Treaty, the "Frankfurter Zeitung" says it is an historical fact that without Germany's action which led to practical abrogation of the treaty, the new political development which finds expression in the declaration, would have been impossible.

Although it would be premature, the journal says, to predict that an era of definite pacification is heralded by the declaration, it is none the less true that Belgium in the past few months has given an excellent example of the methods of endeavouring to secure peace by effectively eliminating spheres of conflict.—Trans-Ocean.

RUMANIA'S NEW COURSE

Rapprochement With Italy

Paris, To-day.

M. Titulescu, the former Rumanian Foreign Minister, arrived in Paris yesterday and had a long conversation with the Premier, M. Leon Blum, the Foreign Minister, M. Yvon Delbos, and a number of other politicians.

Great importance is attached to the visit by "Le Journal," which states that the discussions are taking place simultaneously with publication in Bucharest of the Rumanian Government's communique relating to the visit of the Polish Foreign Minister, Colonel Joseph Beck.

This, the journal says, seems to indicate a new policy on the part of Rumania.

The new course steered by Rumania, according to the paper, foreshadows raprochement with Italy and possibly with Hungary as well.—Trans-Ocean.

BLUM CABINET PROGRAMME

DEBATE PROMISED IN CHAMBER

GENERAL POLICY

Paris, To-day.

The Cabinet yesterday agreed to a debate in the Chamber of Deputies on general policy on April 30.

After the Cabinet meeting, the Finance Minister, M. Vincent Auriol, stated that the Treasury situation was satisfactory and Government had no intention of issuing any long-term loan other than that offered on March 11.

It is learned there is no question of launching a special loan of £100,000,000 for financing a scheme of public works as was demanded by the French Trades Union Congress.—Reuter.

Two-Hour Ceremony At Coronation

London, To-day.

It is learned from an authoritative source that the Coronation service in Westminster Abbey will begin at 11 o'clock and will last two hours.—Reuter.

FOUR SMALL-POX DEATHS

Health Returns For Last Week

Four deaths from smallpox, two from diphtheria, four typhoid, three from meningitis, four from dysentery and 59 from tuberculosis were reported to the Health Department last week.

Fresh cases reported during the week included three smallpox, seven diphtheria, seven typhoid, four meningitis, and seven dysentery.

Yesterday's returns showed two cases of smallpox, and one each of typhoid, meningitis and dysentery.

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FASCIST POWERS AND SPAIN

The results of the hurriedly arranged second conference between Signor Mussolini and General Goering will probably not be known until the customary sketchy outline is issued in the form of an official communique. Not until then, indeed, will it be known precisely why a personal meeting at this time became important to Italy and Germany, though the guess that Spain will occupy an important position in the agenda is as good as any other. General Franco's coup d'etat, as it was to have been, has involved a stupid destructive civil war lasting nearly a year and his objective to-day is farther off than it was six months ago. Every resource placed at his disposal has not vitally bettered his position since August last and if, as is hinted, Germany is disposed to wipe her hands of the mess, with Italian acquiescence, the attitude is scarcely surprising. Two incidents reported yesterday, interference by an Italian destroyer with a British ship and alleged activity by a German submarine, coincide curiously with such a suggestion, if there is truth in the reports, but both incidents occurred prior to the Mussolini-Goering meeting and were probably without significance. Otherwise there have been signs enough that the Fascist Powers are inclined to cease active support of the insurgents.

It is probably a safe assumption that the ultimate decision as to whether Spain shall be left to settle its own civil war and whether danger will continue of international conflict arising from a breakdown of the non-intervention agreement, rests with Herr Hitler, who has a choice between co-operation in Europe and armed alliances. It is circumstantially reported not only that General Franco is begging for whole divisions to rescue his losing cause but that his foreign military advisers say that Franco cannot win without them. Both Italy and Germany have recognised Franco as the lawful ruler of Spain and are to that extent identified with his success or failure. But Herr Hitler's position is that he must now choose either to defy European opinion in a desperate attempt to win a little paltry "prestige" or to give substance to his frequent claim to be a lover of peace. The relatives of Italy's volunteers are, too, reported to be getting restless and having regard to the fact that the patience of both Dictators with Franco must be pretty well exhausted, rumours of withdrawal are probably not far wide of the mark. Such a decision although partially forced by circumstances, would enhance, rather than diminish, their prestige.

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A Prolonged Ceremony

Announcement has been made of plans to shorten the Coronation Service in some of its many parts; and the present Archbishop of Canterbury will, therefore if he chooses, be able to repeat Randall Davidson's little joke in 1911. He remarked to one of the officials that he had noticed that the orders for a long succession of Coronations had always contained instructions for an abridgment of the ritual, "a procedure which, if followed, would by this time have whittled the service away." Actually the length varies from time to time. Queen Victoria reached the Abbey at a little after half-past eleven (and in her case the procedure was simplified by the fact that there was no Consort), but she did not enter her carriage to return till half-past four. She mentioned that Melbourne was exceedingly weary during the ceremony and was glad of the chance of a glass of wine in one of the chapels.

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Cutting It Shorter

There were special reasons for a desire to make the time as short as possible in the case of King Edward VII, for he was not long recovered from his illness, and both the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Dean of Windsor were decrepit. Even allowing for a rather long interval while the Te Deum was sung to give the King a chance of rest and refreshment, he was in the Abbey only two hours and a half.

King George V's Coronation was well managed and his procession left the "theatre" just after two. But John Morley found the ceremony fatiguing. Comparatively early he said that "he felt he had reached the extreme point of exhaustion," and then he reflected, "What a glorious moment to die."

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

TOOTHACHE: "Actually there is very little pain in modern dentistry. Fear of the dentist is inherited, a fear of the unknown, magnified by education in the home."—Dr. H. W. Oppice.

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COMPLEMENTS: "Freedom of trade everywhere has been accompanied by freedom of institutions."—Lewis W. Douglas.

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DISSENT: "Divorced from reality, taxation becomes sheer oppression."—Supreme Court Justice McReynolds.

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COMPARISON: "A labour union has no more right to take possession of a factory than a band of gangsters has to take possession of a bank."—Governor Hoffman.

How National Birth-Rate Could Be Raised

Family Endowment Against Race-Suicide

By R. F. Harrod,
Oxford University Lecturer in Economics

SIR Walter Langdon-Brown in recent comments on the falling birth-rate, writes with studied moderation, but he uses certain arguments which, just because they appear sensible and are widely current, require correction.

In the first place it is necessary to get the setting right. The average size of the family has been falling in Britain for more than 60 years, and has now reached a level at which eventual extinction and a very rapid dwindling in the comparatively near future are inevitable.

Britain Leading Decline

A similar process has been at work in the other countries of Northern and Western Europe, in the United States and Australasia. In other white lands the position is not yet so bad, the decline in births having begun later; but it is still in process there, and we have every reason to suppose that it will continue on the same lines. It also seems likely that we have not yet reached the limit of family reduction in this country; in that case the dwindling will be still more rapid.

The continued existence of the white peoples is seriously threatened; those who are particularly interested in the *relative* magnitude of the British population must remember that we have an unenviable lead in this matter, and that in the immediately coming generations we shall have got quite small and unimportant while other white peoples are relatively abundant; in the course of those generations the balance of power in the world will be revolutionised.

Sir Walter-Langdon-Brown points out the danger ("the fallacy") of long-term deductions from statistics alone. "If statisticians had computed their curves in population in 1871, when the birthrate was at its height, they would have forecast an enormous increase by this time, and they would have been wrong."

1871 No Real Peak

But 1871 was not, as this suggests, a great peak; it was the end of a high birthrate plateau stretching back into the past for many generations. They would, of course, have been wrong. They would have failed to allow for the great changes due to easily available contraceptive methods. But that is not a reason for our being ostriches with regard to the present situation.

The dwindling tendency has been far too widespread and persistent for any reasonable person, looking at the figures, to be justified in neglecting it.

It is possible, of course, that the future may have in store some new factor, comparable in importance with the spread of contraceptive devices, that will set up a reverse tendency to that which followed 1871. But what factor is suggested? We cannot build our policy on such a vague hope. Sir Walter Langdon-Brown makes one suggestion which I shall deal with.

Meanwhile we may notice that he endorses the view that "contraceptive methods were the means and not the cause of the declining birth-rate." This puts the matter too simply. Innate disposition and the environment act and react on each other, and potential tendencies may remain latent in the absence of any means of giving effect to them.

So long as family limitation could only be secured by heroic measures of moral restraint, ambitions, desires and the idea of the "good life" were adapted to the large family, which was taken as a basic assumption. Now all that is changed; with the new means of family limitation we have a different orientation.

A new kind of life becomes possible. Desire feeds and grows on opportunity. Is not this the principle on which modern advertising is based? It is easy to point to the psychological factors which cause the small family. But without the sine qua non of opportunity they would have remained latent.

In this sense of cause, contraception must surely be given pride of place. But it is fair to add that the followers of Malthus in the nineteenth century (of whose speculations modern birth control propaganda is a belated and anachronistic aftermath) did not appreciate that growing affluence would, by offering rival attractions to that of domestic felicity, be inimical to the large family. Greater affluence is doubtless a cause of the low birth-rate. It should be observed that this affluence, like birth control, has come to stay.

Not Due To War Fear

I now revert to the one hope which Sir Walter Langdon-Brown holds out for a reaction against present tendencies. He thinks that the present tendency would pass away "under happier and saner" conditions. This hope is entirely groundless.

It is necessary to remember that it is the mass of the population whose birth rate has fallen and not merely some narrow class groaning under super-tax. The fall in the birth-rate has occurred in a period (the last 60 years) when the economic lot of the masses, even allowing for the incidence of unemployment, has been better than ever before in human history; and it has become intensified in very recent times, when a still higher level has been achieved.

Nor can the fear of war be called in; for the most spectacular fall occurred before 1931, when most people still cherished the illusion that the world had been made safe for peace.

It has occurred in a period too when the chances of the beloved offspring being cut off by illness have been greatly reduced. It has occurred in fact in a period of greatest progress in increasing the probability that any given children will have a comparatively happy and decent life. Why should we expect further progress along these lines to set up a reverse tendency?

Substantial Endowment

Sir Walter Langdon-Brown writes that "people are not going to be bullied or bribed into having children." I agree that they will not be bullied. But the bribe is a different matter.

All attempts in this direction on the Continent have been pettifogging in the extreme. My constructive proposal is such a generous scale of family endowment that the parents of four or five children will not be worse placed than those of one or two in the same walk of life.

To cover the bare cost of maintenance will not suffice. The endowment must be sufficient to provide the extra children with such education and opportunities as the parents would choose to provide for the first or second; and there should be such provision of excellent collective nurseries available for occasional use, as to leave parents with that degree of freedom, the desire for which in the modern world makes so strongly against the production of the extra children.

If these conditions could be realised I believe that there is quite sufficient parental instinct left in the world of to-day to put the future of our race on a secure foundation.

These proposals sound very costly. But if the "pooling" or "equalisation fund" system were adopted the burden would not be great. With a birth-rate much higher than ours and sufficient, the average number of dependent children per earning man would not be greater than one. Thus if a certain tax were levied not only on bachelors, but on all heads of families without dependent children, an equal sum could be paid out in respect of each child in excess of one. For the scheme to be effective it would be absolutely necessary to have graduation, the contributors at each level of income having their own equalisation fund.

Room For Propaganda

This is my suggestion on the material side. On the psychological side it is probably quite true that people will not have children for the sake of national considerations.

A man may be patriotic enough to give his life for his country gladly, yet not to make a permanent change in his domestic arrangements. This is where Fascism has gone wrong. All the same, there may be room for propaganda to combat the totally erroneous but widely held views that more children will mean more unemployment, or more wars.

The plain fact is that, with existing birth rates, our country will become rapidly derelict. No economist would support the view that a reduction of numbers would remove the causes of unemployment, and many modern economists hold that the declining birthrate is a factor making for increased unemployment.

If all these things were done, and the fundamental conditions sound, one would have nothing but praise for the humane work of birth-control clinics. But when one realises what a far cry it is to the realisation of a generous family endowment scheme and the reversal of the process of race suicide, that praise requires qualification.

Danger Of "Spacing"

It is one thing when another child endangers the life of the mother. But Sir Walter Langdon-Brown talks of encouraging people to space their children. This may be sound hygiene, but it is possible that it is inimical to the larger family; it may be wiser, given the temperament of women to-day, to encourage the mother to get the tiresome nursery business over and done with quickly. The effect of "spacing" may often be that for one reason or another the postponed children never see the light.

And it must be emphasised that if there is a conflict between what makes for a larger family and a 100 per cent. hygienic standards, the former must have priority. Our ancestors, to whom we owe all we have, could not afford to be too squeamish. Our paramount duty is to see that the torch of human life is not put out upon this planet. Compared with this, the humanitarian feelings of Sir Walter Langdon-Brown must be given second place.

I Learn From The Movies

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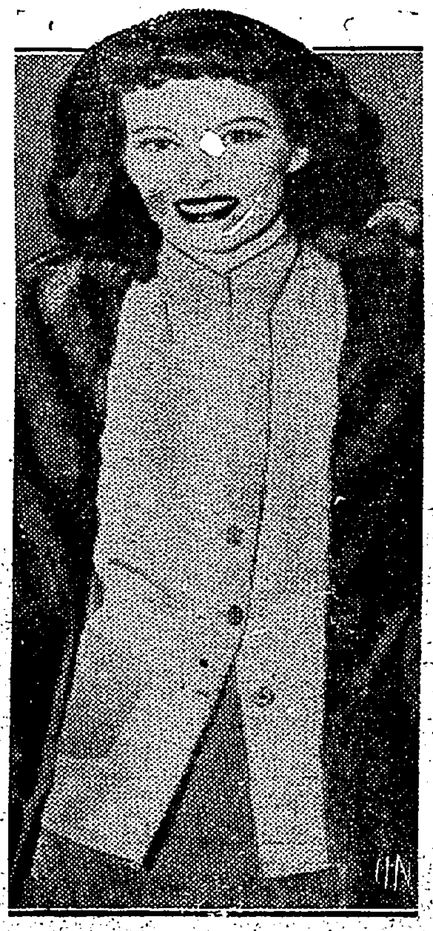

Film star Katherine Hepburn is almost as shy of publicity as the great Garbo, and it is only on rare occasions that photographers have been able to snap her in public. Here is the temperamental actress as she was leaving a theatre in Washington.

BRITISH AND SPANISH WA

INTERFERENCE WITH BRITISH SHIP PREVENTED

London, To-day.

Another "incident" has occurred between a British warship and Spanish insurgent men-of-war.

THIS TIME THE 10,000-TON CRUISER, H.M.S. SHROPSHIRE, WAS AT THE CENTRE OF THE AFFAIR.

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It is understood there was an exchange of messages between the warships, and Shropshire declined to recognise the six-mile limit claimed by the Spanish cruiser.

Meanwhile, another British ship has run the rebel blockade and has arrived safely at Bilbao.

She is the Newcastle freighter Sheaf Garth (1,927 tons) and is the seventh British ship to arrive in the besieged Spanish port since announcement of the blockade.—Reuter.

ROYAL OAK ARRIVES

London, To-day.

To protect British merchant shipping in northern Spanish waters the battleship, H.M.S. Royal Oak, arrived at La Rochelle yesterday.

Royal Oak, on board of which is Rear-Admiral C. G. Ramsey, replaces Hood, which has been recalled to Home waters for the Coronation review.—Trans-Ocean.

MR. QUEZON SAILS IN NORMANDIE

Visiting Ireland And Denmark

New York, To-day.

Senor Manuel Quezon, President of the Philippine Islands, who has been visiting the United States in connexion with independence for the islands, is leaving America by the Normandie to-day (Tuesday).

He will spend a week each in Ireland and Denmark, where he will study land tenancy problems before returning to Manila.—Reuter.

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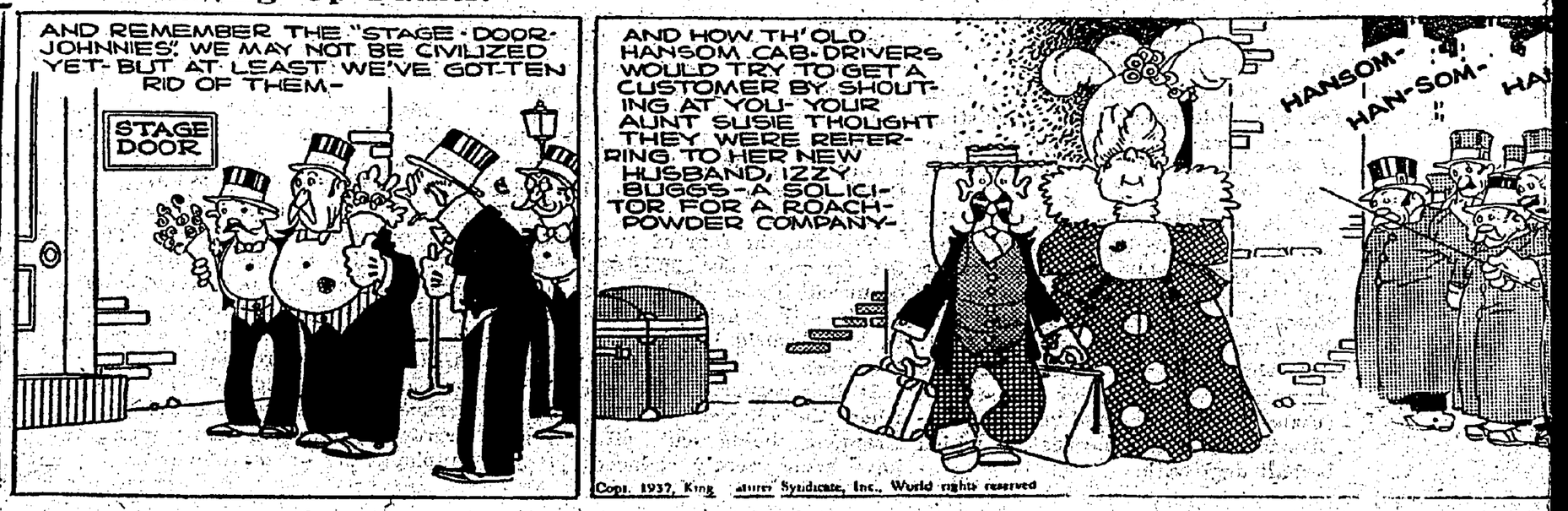

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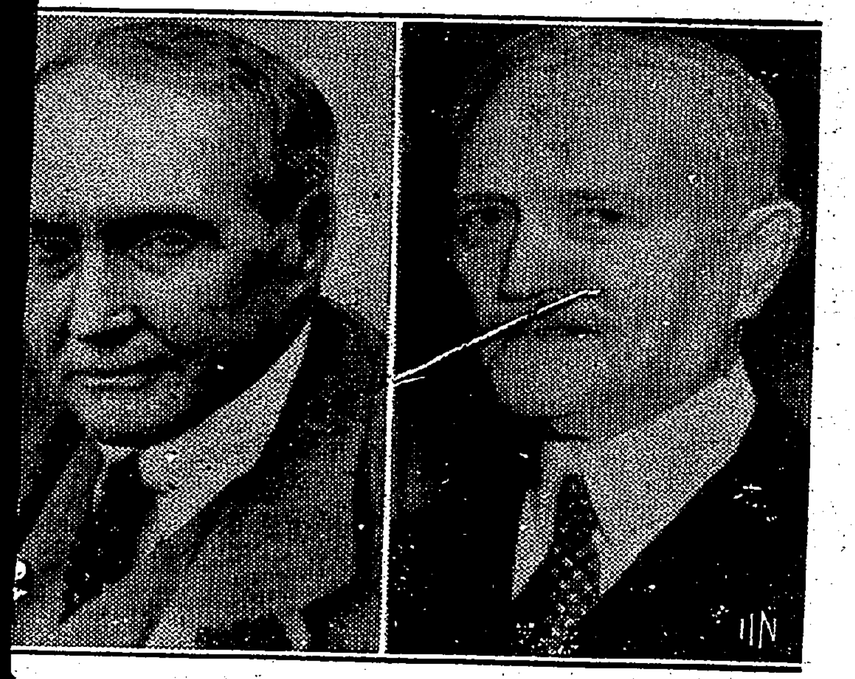

, retired Navy chief; James W. Gerard, former Ambassador to
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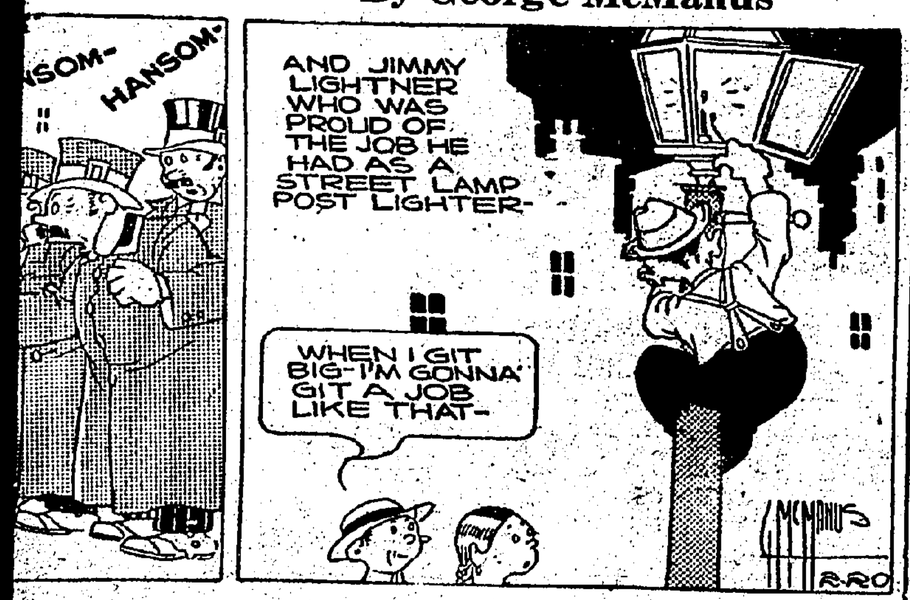
By George McManus



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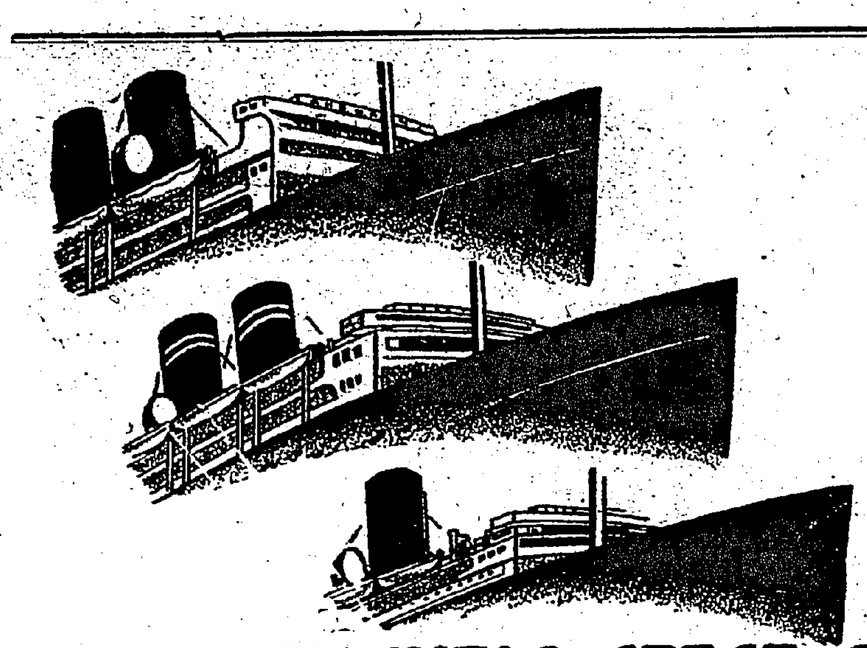

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Amoy	Taiyuan	Wed., Apr. 28, 3.30 p.m.
Haiphong and *Batavia	Tjikembang	Wed., Apr. 28, 4 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Tai Suen Hong.	Wed., Apr. 28, 5 p.m.
Thursday		
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Rawalpindi.	Thurs., Apr. 29, 10.30 a.m.
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JAPAN PORTS via Dairen	Sumatra Maru ...	Thurs. 6th May
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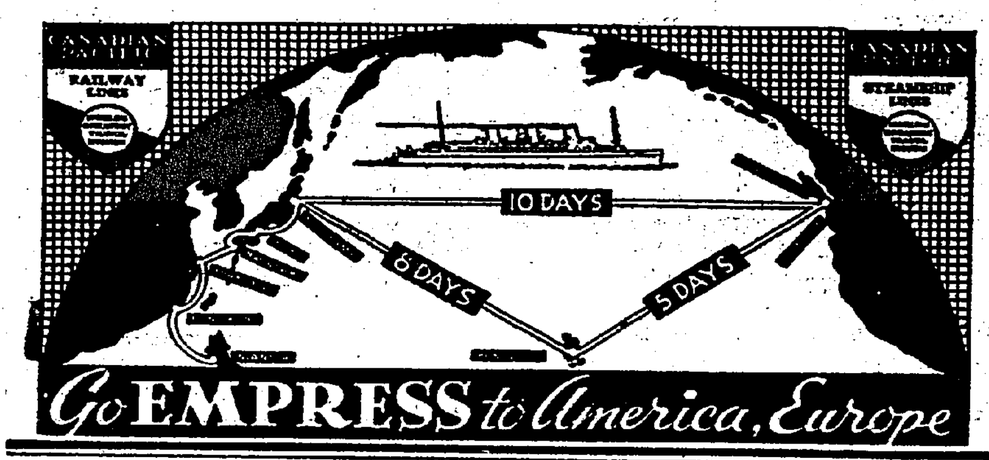

Empress of	Hong Kong Leave	Shanghai Arrive	Nagasaki Leave	Kobe Leave	Yokohama Leave	Honolulu Leave	Vancouver Victoria Arrive
Asia	April 30	May 2	May 4	May 6	May 8		May 17
Canada	May 14	May 16		May 19	May 21	May 28	June 2
Russia	May 28	May 30	June 1	June 3	June 5	June 12	June 18
Japan	June 11	June 13		June 16	June 18	June 24	June 29
Asia	June 25	June 27	June 29	July 1	July 3		July 12
Canada	July 9	July 11		July 14	July 16	July 23	July 28
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SUGAR PACT IN SIGHT

Fresh Proposals Well Received

London, To-day.

The negotiating committee of the International Sugar Conference held a meeting yesterday with the heads of delegations.

The President, Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, formulated some fresh proposals for fixing the export sugar quotas to be allotted to certain countries. These proposals were generally approved.

To meet the views of certain delegations, some changes were suggested and did not give rise to objection.

It was agreed that the final acceptances of these proposals should be left for a plenary meeting to be held at an early date.

Meanwhile, the Sub-Committee will continue their work and the negotiating committee has been asked to draft a Convention.—British Wireless.

LURE OF GIRL'S LEGS

Led Cycling Pest Into Trouble

John Dipper, twenty-six, of Ashford, Middlesex, is something of a trick cyclist, and his tricks have landed him into trouble.

His pet practice is cycling up to girl cyclists and taking such an interest in their legs that he nearly knocks them down.

In fact, pretty Miss Muriel Greenwood, the Wee House, Laleham-on-Thames, told Feltham (Middlesex) magistrates:

"This man has followed me on several occasions at night, and has nearly knocked me off my bicycle.

"He rides alongside me, and is so interested in my legs and face that I cannot understand how he can keep on his bicycle."

Two police officers said numerous complaints about Dipper's behaviour had been received.

Dipper was fined 60s. for insulting behaviour, and as he imposed the fine the chairman observed: "The Bench would like to thank Miss Greenwood very much for her great courage in coming forward.

The Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.

We are officially informed that the Consulting Committee of The Canton Insurance Office Ltd., will, at the forthcoming Meeting of Shareholders to be held on Tuesday, May 18, recommend a Final Dividend of $8 per share in respect of Working Account for 1935, and $200,000 to Reinsurance Fund and $496,101.36 to Underwriting Suspense Account; they will further recommend the payment of an Interim Dividend of $5 per share in respect of Working Account for 1936, and that the balance of $1,962,031.92 be carried forward.

MONEY ORDERS WILL BE LIKE CHEQUES

Change After 100 Years

The familiar English Post Officer money order is to be altered in form for the first time for 100 years. The new orders which are about to be issued will be similar in appearance to bankers' cheques, and will have counterfoils to enable the senders to keep a record of their transactions.

The most important change from the point of view of the Post Office is that the present system of sorting the orders by hand under the names of the issuing offices will be eliminated. The new orders will have perforations to enable them to be sorted by electricity under serial numbers.

Money orders play a considerable part in small financial transactions. Last year the issue in this country was £59,000,000.

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Hong Kong Bank $1857½ b., $1860 sa.
Bank of East Asia $92.

INDUSTRIALS

Canton Ins. $324 b., $325 sa.
Union Ins. $622 b.
China Underwriters $1.60 s.
H. K. Fire Ins. $280 b.

SHIPPING

Douglases $38¼ b.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.

H. K. and K. Wharves $117 b., $117 sa.
H. K. and W. Docks $31½ b.
Providents (Old) $2.20 b., $2¼ sa.

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.

H. K. and S. Hotels $7.35 b., $7.45 s.
H. K. Lands $35¼ b.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

H. K. Tramways $15.30 b., $15.20/-.30 sa.
Peak Trams (Old) $4½ b.
Peak Trams (New) $1¼ b.
China Lights (Old) $14½ b., $14.60 sa.
China Lights (New) $14¼ b.
H. K. Electrics $60¾ b., $61 sa.
Sandakan Lights $12¼ b.
Telephones (New) $12.70 b.

INDUSTRIALS

Cements $15¾ b., $16 s.
H. K. Ropes $5.30 b.

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Dairy Farms $25¾ b.
Lane, Crawford $9 b.

COTTON MILLS

Shanghai Cottons (Old) Sh.$117 b.
Shanghai Cottons (New) Sh.$92 b.

MISCELLANEOUS

Constructions (New) 45 cts. b.
Vibro Piling $6.30 b, .$6.40 s.

	Opening 10 a.m. in Pesos	B. L. C.	Sa. L. C.
Antamoks	1.10		
Atoks	.32½		
Balatoc Mining	13.00		
Benguet Consol.	11.50		
Benguet Explor	.11		
Big Wedge	.21		
Coco Grove	.62		
Consolidated Mines	.028		
Demonstrations	.76		
E. Mindanao	.24½		
Gumaus G'field	.13		
Ipo Gold	.20		
I. X. L.	.76		
Itogons	1.10		
Masbate Consol.	.32		
Min. Resources	.20		
Northern Mining	.09		
Paracale Gumaus	.45		
Salacot Mining	.046		
San Mauricio	2.05		
Suyoc Consol.	.37		
United Paracales	.78		

LOCAL DOLLAR

London Silver Prices

The dollar opened on demand to-day at 1/2-27/32.

"Spot silver was quoted at 20-5/16 and "forward," at 20-3/8.

The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at £—U.S.$4.935 and the New York on London cross-rate at 4.93-¾.

Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs. H. B. Joseph & Co. have received the following quotations from Singapore in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

	Buyers		
Spot	37	Down	2⅝
May/June	37⅛	do	2⅞
July/Sept.	37¼	do	3
Oct./Dec.	37¼	do	3

Market: Weak.

28 YEARS IN ARREAR

A man charged at Clerkenwell with not having paid to his wife under a maintenance order, was stated to have owed 5s a week since 1909.

Mr. Walter Hedley, K.C. the magistrate, varying the order to 1s a week, said he would remit the arrears as there was no hope of getting them.

TRADE CONTROL FOR JAPAN

Imports Of Luxuries To Be Limited

The Japanese Finance Minister, M. Toyotaro Yuki, has announced that the Government will henceforth control imports of luxury goods and other commodities not urgently needed. The important statement, generally interpreted as foreshadowing the inauguration of state control of foreign trade, was made at a meeting of representatives of clearing houses throughout Japan.

The control will be exercised, according to Mr. Yuki, by withholding licences for transactions in foreign exchange, required for payment for the goods. Commodities of urgent need, such as raw cotton, iron and wool, he emphasized, will be admitted to Japan without any difficulties.

Under the terms of a Treasury ordinance, issued on January 8, the Government was empowered to control, through the issue of licences, transactions in exchange, needed for payment for imported goods.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS

Police Reserve orders by the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Inspector-General of Police state:—

CHINESE COMPANY

Training Course — Part II. The undermentioned members of the Chinese Company will attend Chinese Company Headquarters on Tuesday, April 27th at 17.30 hours for Part II of Training Course:—

Constables R2 Chan Tak Chiu, R4 Tam Hiu Fung, R5 Woo How Ching, R6 Chan Shik Chun, R9 Wong Yue Shun, R25 Lee Chee Leung, R34 Napoleon Leung Pan, and R37 Leung Wing Cheung.

Inspection Parade. All ranks of the Chinese Company will parade at Central Police Station on Thursday, April 29th at 17.30 hours for a general inspection of equipment etc., by the Company Commander. Dress — White Uniform, Cap with White Cover, Belt with Brace, Truncheon, "Pocket Policeman" and note-book to be carried. The Equipment Officer will make a point of being present.

FLYING SQUAD

Training Course — Part II. The undermentioned members of the Flying Squad will attend Chinese Company Headquarters on Tuesday, April 27th at 17.30 hours for Part II of Training Course:—

Constables R323 Lo Koon Ho, R327 Sung Shu Che, R341 Tsun Kam Cheung, R342 Leung To Hing and R359 Ho Wing Kwan.

Instructional Patrol. The instructional patrol for members of the Flying Squad will take place on Friday, April 30th 1937. Members will parade at Central Police Station at 17.15 hours sharp. Dress — White Uniform, and Cap with White Cover.

EMERGENCY UNIT RESERVE

Revolver Instruction. Revolver Instruction will be given to members of the Emergency Unit Reserve on Friday, April 30th at No. 2 Police Station at 17.20 hours. All members will attend. Dress — Mufti, and members who are in possession of revolvers will carry same.

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100 YEARS IN CARAVAN

A centenarian who was born in a caravan and who has lived in one all his life is lying very ill in his caravan home at Chickerell, near Weymouth. He is Mr. Thomas Penfold, who was 100 last month.

Near the caravan building developments are going on, and Mr. Penfold and his daughters are concerned about efforts which are being made to have them sent to another site.

Prince Chichibu, brother of the Emperor of Japan, and his wife will probably visit Germany after the Coronation.

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H.K. CLUB TO MAKE DEBUT

The absence of the Eastern Baseball team, owing to their inability to raise a "nine" and the exclusion of the American warships, together with the fact that neither the Americans nor the Canadians are able to raise teams though they will be combining under the title of Hong Kong Baseball Club, has curtailed the local Baseball season, which commences on Sunday with a game between the Nippon Club and the Hong Kong Baseball Club.

It is gratifying to learn that Pui Ching Academy, the present champions, have again entered the league, though at one time it was doubtful whether they would. A concession has been made and they will play two games during a week-end, thus saving them considerable expense.

Permission having only recently been obtained for the use of the Caroline Hill ground, there has been little time for practice and most teams will therefore make a start on level terms.

OVERSEAS' MANAGER

Enquiries from team managers elicited the information that while most of last year's players are still available, there are also a number of newcomers who will be seen this season. Pui Ching will have most of their last year's players, while the Overseas Chinese, will, it is understood, be under the management of Wally Ching, in place of Matty Chang, who has relinquished the post owing to pressure of work.

The Volunteers will again be under the management of Porter, assisted by J. A. Delgado, an old player. At present D. Leonard, A. Hussain and V. Costa are in Manila and will not be available till the middle of May, but there are sufficient other players to enable the Corps to carry on till then. In order to meet the Volunteers, the League have offered to defer the start of their fixtures until such time as their "star" player are available, but Mr. Porter, the manager, has sportingly refused to dislocate the fixtures which have been drawn up.

FIRST GAME

The first game of the season will take place nest Sunday, at 10.30 a.m., between the Hong Kong Baseball Club and the Nippon Club, and as the matsheds will then be ready, a good crowd should be present. Neither side have decided on their line-ups, which will be chosen during the week.

The Hong Kong Club will miss the services of Williams, last year's third base, (of the Americans) while they have a good newcomer in McCall. The other members of the team will be drawn from Thompson, Hearther, Williams, Mueller, Alltree, Muir, Smedley Critchley and Walker.

The Nippon Club have Mikuni, last year's pitcher, Takeda, one of their best batsmen, Yasuda, Tanaka and Koga, of last year's team still available, while there are several newcommers, mostly youngsters, who will be seen in action, among whom are Harada, Ugaki and Ishawakari, all of whom are said to be quite good.

E. Hearther, above, will be seen at first base for the Hong Kong Baseball Club, against the Nippon Club in the first game of the season next Saturday.

FUSILIERS' SECOND BOXING WIN

SECURE OPEN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

RIFLES SUCCEED IN FOUR BOUTS

The Royal Welch Fusiliers, securing 11 victories in 15 bouts, which included one knock-out and two technical knock-outs, beat the Royal Ulster Rifles in the Final of the Open Team Inter-Unit Boxing Championship, organised by the Hong Kong Area Boxing Association, at Murray Barracks last night, and carried off the Open Challenge Shield, which the East Lancashire Regiment had held for the past three years.

It will be recalled that at Shamshuipo Barracks, the same regiment recently won the South China Command Challenge Cup as the result of defeating their same opponents in the Final of the Novices Inter-Unit boxing competition.

Last night's bouts opened with the Bantamweight event, in which Fus. Fisher won on a technical knock-out from Rfn. Graham in the second round. The loser was aggressive from start to finish, several of his hits taking effect, but Fisher was a cautious exponent. In the second round the loser rushed wildly at Fisher only to be stopped by a vicious right jab, which subsequently resulted in Fisher's victory.

TWO VICTORIES

The Fusiliers secured both wins in the Featherweight sections, Fus. Owen knocking out Rfn. McCartney in the second round, and Fus. Raven beating Rfn. Hughes on points. The losers registered their first win in the Lightweight section, when Rfn. McClay beat Fus. Powell on points after a very keen fight.

Results of last night's bouts were as follows:

BANTAM-WEIGHT

Fus. Fisher (R.W.F.) beat Rfn. Graham (R.U.R.) on a technical knock-out.

FEATHER-WEIGHT

1st String: Fus. Owen (R.W.F.) knocked-out Rfn. McCartney (R.U.R.)

2nd String: Fus. Raven (R.W.F.) beat Rfn. Hughes (R.U.R.) on points.

LIGHT-WEIGHT

1st String: Rfn. McClay (R.U.R.) beat L/Cpl. Powell (R.W.F.) on points.

2nd String: Fus. Jones (R.W.F.) beat L/Cpl. Millar (R.U.R.) on points.

3rd String: Fus. Bray (R.W.F.) beat Rfn. Hawe (R.U.R.) on points.

WELTER-WEIGHT

1st String: Fus. Morgan (R.W.F.) beat Rfn. McCutcheon (R.U.R.) on points.

2nd String: Rfn. Dowey (R.U.R.) beat Fus. Davies (R.W.F.) on points.

3rd String: L/Cpl. Roberts (R.W.F.) beat Rfn. Quinn (R.U.R.) on points.

4th String: Rfn. Armstrong (R.U.R.) beat L/Cpl. Simmonds (R.W.F.) on points.

MIDDLE-WEIGHT

1st String: Cpl. Weaver (R.W.F.) beat Cpl. Henderson (R.U.R.) on points.

2nd String: Fus. Thyer (R.W.F.) beat Rfn. Reid (R.U.R.) on points.

3rd String: L/Cpl. Page (R.U.R.) beat Sgt. Grindley (R.W.F.) on points.

LIGHT HEAVY-WEIGHT

Fus. Bagby (R.W.F.) beat Rfn. Castle (R.U.R.) on a technical knock-out.

HEAVY-WEIGHT

Fus. Frimstone (R.W.F.) beat Lt. Going (R.U.R.) on a technical knock-out.

The East Asia Physical Training School basket-ball team of Shanghai, inflicted a crushing defeat on a local team drawn from the best players, including members of the Hing Wah Girls' College champion team by 35 points to 21 at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. last evening.

BUT WONG AND LUK PLAY WELL

POTENTIAL CHAMPIONS IN SOUND DISPLAY

LUK VERY INCONSISTENT

(By "ADREM")

ALTHOUGH Wong Shui-wing and Luk Ding-cheong were yesterday beaten by the Rumjahn cousins in straight sets, they gave a much better performance than the score of 6—2, 6—3, 6—3, indicates and Wong Shiu-wing, in particular, shows definite signs of promise. Erratic play by both combinations was the chief feature of the match, although several good rallies were witnessed.

THE RUMJAHNS WERE NEVER EXTENDED AND WERE EVIDENTLY OUT FOR STROKE PRACTISE. THEY CONSISTENTLY PLAYED BALLS WHICH WERE OBVIOUSLY GOING WELL OUT OF COURT, AND WENT FOR SHOTS WHICH I AM QUITE CERTAIN THEY WOULD NOT HAVE DREAMED OF ATTEMPTING IF THE OPPOSITION HAD, AT ANY TIME, GIVEN THEM CAUSE FOR WORRY.

"S.A.", probably feeling the effects of his athletic exploits in the I.R.C. sports on Sunday, appeared rather listless, but he nevertheless gave a very fine performance. His forehand drive off service was particularly convincing, and he scored numerous outright winners with this stroke which was just skimming the net and more often than not, finding the feet of the advancing server. He volleyed very crisply and his game was altogether vigorous.

"H.D." played his usual sound game with its minimum of errors.

Wong Shiu-wing was the better of the two Chinese players and was responsible for some very nicely thought out coups. He remained cool throughout and exploited several excellent strokes to advantage. He was particularly sound on the backhand.

LUK INCONSISTENT

Luk Ding-cheong combined some really brilliant play with unaccountable blunders. He made the big mistake of positioning himself beyond the service line when on the forecourt, with the result that more often than not, the Rumjahns' speedy drives caught him at his feet and forced feeble returns. His volleying was also erratic.

As a combination the South China pair were sadly lacking in understanding, but commendably, always went for winners overhead with a fair amount of success. They gave a much better showing than any of the newer players so far featured on the Stand Court, and have no reason to be discouraged by their defeat at the hands of two fine campaigners like S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn.

In the semi-final of the Club Handicap Doubles, G.E.R. Divett and B. O'M. Deane defeated A.H. Penn and J.R. Collis by 6—1, 6—1.

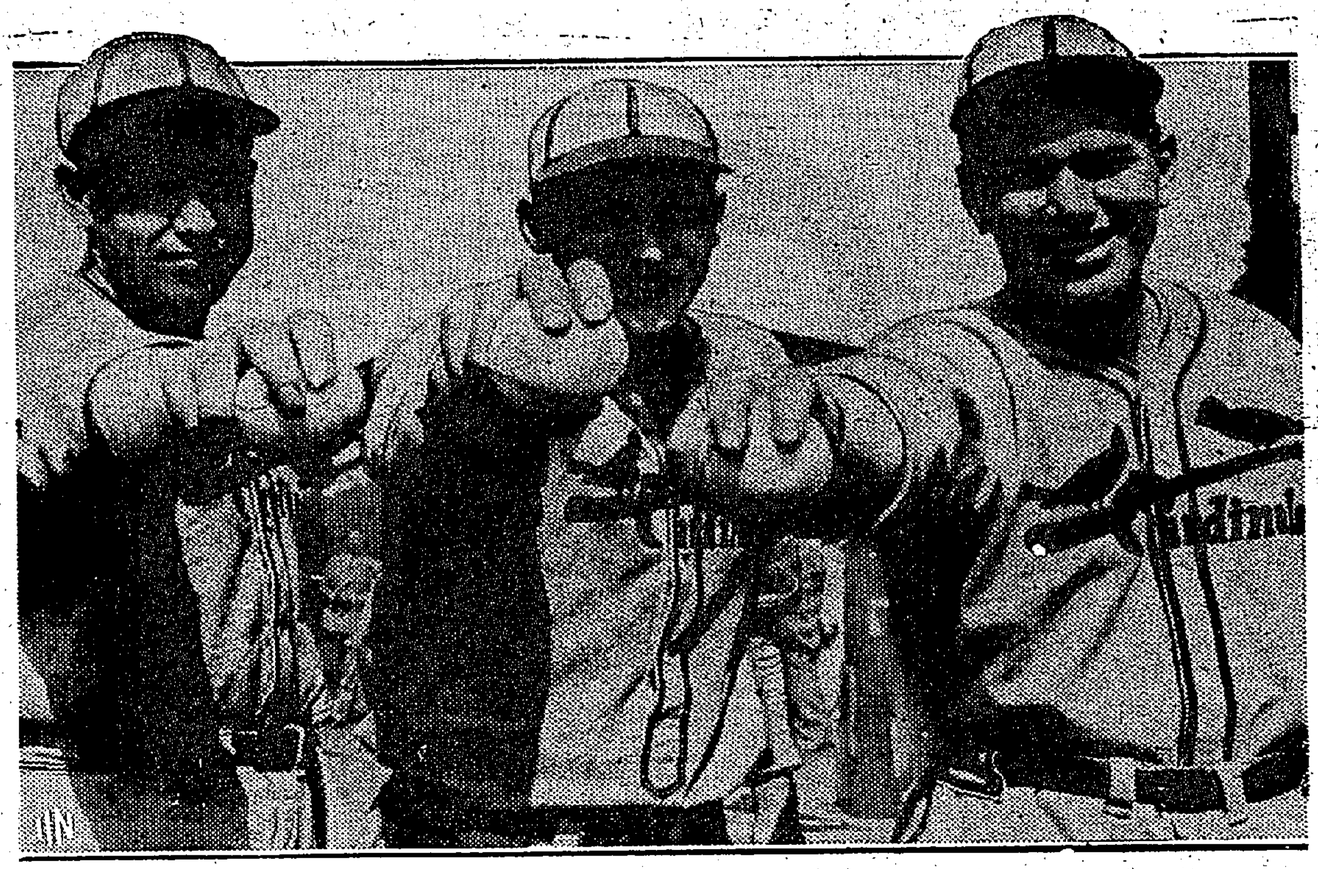
MIXED DOUBLES FINAL ON STAND COURT

To-day's Tennis At H.K.C.C.

An innovation in the Club tennis tournaments will be seen this afternoon when, for the first time for many years, a Mixed Doubles final will be played on the Stand Court. The contestants are Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sullivan and G. Polglase and Mrs. R. M. Wood.

Sullivan is well-known as one of the most experienced tennis players in the Colony, while his wife is herself no mean wielder of the racket, being particularly good on the forehand.

Polglase is a good singles player, but is not sufficiently sound with his volleying and overhead to make an ideal mixed doubles performer. The Sullivans should win fairly easily.



Here are three star pitchers of the National League, working under the banner of the St. Louis Cardinals, (l. to r.): Paul Dean, Lou Warnecke, purchased from Chicago Cubs, and Dizzy Dean, the talkative one.

ELEANOR HOLM JARRETT ON WHY SHE TURNED PRO.

Forced Out By The National A.A.U.

BUT HELPED HER TO GET JOB

(By ELEANOR HOLM JARRETT)

Eleanor Holm Jarrett, who was dropped from the U. S. Olympic swimming team last summer for "relaxing" on champagne while en route to Germany, makes her professional swimming debut soon. In the following despatch she tells "why I turned pro."

I'm not fooling when I say it wasn't the glitter of gold that lures me into the professional ranks. It was the national A. A. U. They forced me to turn pro.

They just didn't want me to be an amateur, I don't know why. They certainly need swimmers in this country. They haven't got any more.

If that mess hadn't happened last summer, I never would have turned pro. I didn't have to. After all, I could have always made money appearing in motion pictures and working in my husband's band.

I had certain ideals about amateur swimming that I didn't want to give up. I got fun out of it until that thing happened. But why should I keep my ideals about amateurism when they (the A.A.P.) don't seem to have any themselves? Besides, I had no assurance I would be reinstated if I did remain an amateur.

FOR FIVE MONTHS

Before we sailed last summer, I had been training five months, going all over the country at my own expense so the A. A. U. could raise money to send the athletes to Germany. It got so I almost hated to go in swimming. So when we sailed, I decided to relax, because I had a full month in which to get into condition after reaching Berlin.

The mistake I made—If you can call it a mistake—was doing what I did in front of Avery Brundage, then president of the A. A. U.

NO MALICE

I think Brundage got the idea from Hitler that everybody should do the same thing at the same time. He must have thought the boat was a concentration camp. As a matter of fact, there shouldn't have been any training at all on the boat except, perhaps, a little limbering up. A rest would have done all the athletes a lot of good.

I bear no malice toward Brundage. In fact, I feel sorry for him. And I have no regrets on turning pro. I do think, though, that the A.A.U. deserves the usual 10 per cent agent's fee for making it possible for me to get nice fat contracts. It was mighty swell of them.

LOCAL SOCCER FIXTURES FOR THIS WEEK-END

Six Clashes For To-morrow

The following are the local football fixtures for the week:—

TO-MORROW

First Division

Seaforths v Kowloon Chinese (Kowloon, 5.15 p.m.)

Fusiliers v Police (Prince Edward Road, 5.15 p.m.)

Second Division

Club v Kowloon (Club, 5.15 p.m.)

Rifles v Fusiliers (Prince Edward Road, 3.15 p.m.)

Engineers v Seaforths (Sookunpoo, 3.15 p.m.)

Third Division

Engineers v Ordnance (Kowloon, 3.15 p.m.)

SATURDAY

First Division

South China "A" v Seaforths (Caroline Hill, 4.45 p.m.)

Club v Fusiliers (Club, 4.45 p.m.)

Rifles v South China "B" (Sookunpoo, 3.15 p.m.)

Second Division

Club v Seaforths (Caroline Hill, 3.15 p.m.)

Third Division

Kwong Wah v Ordnance (Chatham Road, 3.15 p.m.)

Liga v Medicals (Chatham Road, 4.45 p.m.)

Engineers v Seaforths (Club, 3.15 p.m.)

Service Corps v Kumaon Rifles (King's Park, 4.45 p.m.)

CHINESE SWIMMING ACTIVITIES

Coronation Gala Preparations

The Chinese Bathing Club will shortly be a scene of keenly contested aquatic competitions before the official opening of the swimming season on May 1.

Mr. Y. W. Fung, Secretary of the swimming section, of the Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Federation, told a representative of the *China Mail* yesterday, that although he had received no information, or invitation from the Victoria Recreation Club, with regard to their forthcoming Coronation Swimming Gala, he understood from other sources that a team to represent China has been included in the gala.

All the local Chinese swimmers of note will, however, be invited to take part in eliminating trials and the best team to represent China will then be selected. These trials will be held at the Chinese Bathing Club during this week.

PROBABLE STARTERS FOR 2,000 GUINEAS

London, Yesterday.

The following are the probable starters and jockeys in the Two Thousand Guineas to be run tomorrow:—

Pot Boiler (Gordon Richards), Goya II (Elliott). Fair Copy (Perryman), Phakos (Nevett), Foray (Pat Beasley), Le Grand Duc (Smirke), Sultan Mahomed (D. Smith), Senior (Harry Wragg), Diplomat (Sirett), Scarlet Plume (Beary), Midday Sun (Lowrey), Fairford (Weston), Reviresco (Carslake), The Hour (Smith), Leksar (Semblat), Sun Bather (Steve Donoghue), April The Third (Bullock).

No jockeys have been assigned to Prince Arthur and Sand Sprite.—Reuter.

COLONY SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP

Two more matches were played in the Colony Snooker championships last night. At the Catholic Union Club, J. E. Noronha beat W. Stafford 140 to 111, while at the Kowloon Cricket Club, C. Strange beat E. A. dos Remedios by 45 points.

CORONATION REGATTA SHAPING

297 YACHT RACES AT TORBAY

SCHOONER RACE MAY BE HELD

(By "YARD ARM")

London, April 1.

Entry inquiries from the United States and from Egypt, as well as from nearly every country in Europe, have been received for the Coronation Regatta to be held in Torbay from June 19 to July 3. The event is likely to prove the greatest in yachting history.

Details of preliminary plans for the regatta were described to me yesterday by one of the regatta officials. The number of races at present arranged is 297. The first race each day will begin at 11 a.m. The races are to start at 10-minute intervals, and it will be four hours before all have begun.

On many days it is likely that in the early afternoon watchers on the shores of Torbay will be able to see over 20 races simultaneously in progress. The competing craft will range in size from 12ft upwards.

It is not yet known how big the largest class will be. In a letter circulated by the regatta committee to yacht clubs in every contingent there is an offer of races for any class for which there are sufficient entries. One inquiry that has been received was from Mr. Edgar Palmer, of New York, the owner of the 345-ton Guinevere, one of the largest schooners in the world.

HANDICAP EVENTS

Handicap races have been organised for cruising yachts of varying sizes. The largest uniform class will be the 12-metres, which will include newly-built English yachts as well, it is expected, as entries from the Continent.

Concessions to foreign entrants include honorary membership of Torbay yacht clubs, and remission of race entry fees and harbour dues. Many of the visiting yachts are likely to remain in English waters to take part in other regattas along the South Coast.

BOBBY JONES' REMARKS ON ST. ANDREW'S

World Worst And Best Course!

London, April 1.

The Old Course at St. Andrews to which reference was made recently, is most deceptive. The moderate golfer is usually distressed at its apparent dullness. When Bobby Jones first played that he exclaimed, "This is the world's worst course," tore up his card at the 11th, and flung the bits into the sea.

For the really first-rate golfer the course discloses most attractive subtleties, such as the hidden bunkers and a wind of an astonishing perversity.

It is only fair to add that when Bobby Jones next play at St. Andrews—when he won the championship—he appreciated the course's potentialities. "This is the world's best course," was his verdict on that occasion.

JACK DOYLE-LEVINSKI FIGHT OFF

JOE LOUIS IN WHITE CITY BOUT

HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE BOUT IN ENGLAND?

(By HAROLD LEWIS)

London, April 1.

WEMBLEY'S boxing tournament, arranged for next Tuesday, has been postponed. Following the news on Tuesday that Jock McAvoy was unable, through illness, to fulfil his match with Eddie Phillips for the light heavyweight championship, came a further blow yesterday when it was known that Jack Doyle was unable to box.

DOYLE, WHO WAS TO HAVE MET THE AMERICAN, "KING LEVINSKI, HAS RUPTURED FIBRES OF THE CALF MUSCLES OF THE LEFT LEG. AT THE MOMENT HE CAN DO NOTHING BUT REST. THE TOURNAMENT WILL TAKE PLACE, IN ALL PROBABILITY, WITHIN TWO OR THREE WEEKS. THE NEW DATE MAY BE FIXED NEXT MONDAY, WHEN DOYLE'S INJURY WILL BE EXAMINED AGAIN.

Mr. A. J. Elvin told me some time ago that financially the show was an assured success and that the receipts would be in the region of £15,000. The postponement will enable Len Harvey, the Wembley match-maker, to find a suitable contest to take the place of the Phillips-McAvoy match.

It was stated last night that Joe Louis, the American coloured heavyweight, will definitely fight in London on July 30, and that his opponent will be the winner of a Farr-Baer-Schmeling series. It is proposed to stage the Louis fight at the White City.

THE POSITION

Mr. Hulls, the promoter, explained the position to me thus: "Schmeling is under contract to meet Braddock for the world title in New York on June 3. That fight is obviously not going to take place, because Braddock has elected to defend his title against Louis at Chicago on June 22. But until June 3 arrives Schmeling is not free to sign any other contract.

"I have invited him to come to Harringay on April 15, when Tommy Farr, the British champion, meets Max Baer, to challenge the winner. He has not accepted yet, but I think he will do so. I also believe that he will gladly take the opportunity to fight the winner, in the hope that on June 22 Louis will beat Braddock, so that Schmeling and Louis would meet for the world title on July 30 in London."

WHO WILL OPPOSE NEUSEL?

Louis, Mr. Hulls told me, has accepted the terms offered, although they are on a percentage basis only.

This new statement leaves out of the reckoning Walter Neusel, the German, for whom permission had been sought for a match in London with Baer. That permission was granted by the British Boxing Board of Control provided that Baer first beat the reigning British champion.

Mr. Hulls is evidently intending to fit Neusel in somehow. Neusel was with him last night to discuss the position.

IF LOUIS WINS

The situation created by the statement is curious in several ways. If Louise beats Braddock and fights here, it will be the first time since the days of Tommy Burns that a foreigner has come to England to defend the world's heavyweight title.

Burns demanded, and received, a lump sum before entering the ring. Yet Louis is to risk the title for percentage only—that is assuming he beats Braddock.

Of this trio of famous heavyweights, Baer has knocked out Schmeling, Louis has knocked out Baer, and Schmeling has knocked out Louis. Louis, however, is the only "young man" of the three. Braddock is older than any of them, and has not fought for nearly two years. Yet Baer thinks Braddock may beat Louis.

SCHMELING'S AMBITION

Schmeling, incidentally, has beaten his fellow countryman, Neusel, rather badly. He is, moreover, a wealthy man, and his only real interest remaining in boxing is the world's title, which he is anxious to recapture. The plans cannot be taken as concrete. Home Office or Ministry of Labour consent has to be obtained, for one thing.

The position is further complicated by the fact that negotiations are afoot for Schmeling to meet Braddock in Germany. I had a message from New York only yesterday to that effect, and I am assured that, although Braddock's manager first signed to meet Schmeling in New York, and then stated he would accept the Chicago offer instead, it is quite likely he will throw both overboard if the German offer is good enough.

Joe Louis, above, who will meet James J. Braddock on June 23 in Chicago, will make his first appearance in England on July 30 at the White City Stadium against a boxer yet to be nominated.

GERMAN ATHLETES COWED

MUST BE GOOD SOCIALISTS

EXAMINATIONS FOR ALL

(By FREDERIC OECHSNER)

Berlin, April 16.

German athletes must prove that they are good National Socialists as well as Aryans in order to participate in athletic competition, it was reported today.

Members of the nation's athletic clubs are now in the process of taking examinations ordered by the German Alliance for Physical Training which controls all German sports, over the following questions:

"1. What are the duties in keeping racial inheritance pure?

"2. What is understood by folk and race?

"3. Who are the founders of the German race?

"4. Do frontiers of the Reich encompass all the German race?

"5. What is the German Alliance for Physical Training?

"6. What is the basis in world philosophy of physical education in the new state?"

THE ANSWERS

A memorandum containing answers to questions, which were provided to members of athletic clubs, explains the frontiers of the Reich do not take in all the German race, and declares racial frontiers in Middle Europe extend from East Prussia to the English channel, including parts of Poland, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, France and Belgium.

The memorandum further says there are 96,000,000 Germans living outside of the Reich frontiers.

MUST BE UNDER 19

Athletes over 19 years old will be unable to enter competition unless they pass the examination before May 1.

Observers recalled non-Aryans have already been eliminated from German athletic clubs, which are all affiliated with the German Alliance for Physical Training. Examinations were seen as an effort to weed out Aryans who were unsympathetic to the Nazi cause.

U.S. DAVIS CUP TEAM SELECTED

BOBBY RIGGS IS OMITTED

JOSEPH HUNT AS RESERVE

New York, April 23.

Bobby Riggs, sensational young schoolboy tennis star, has been dropped from the 1937 Davis Cup team contestants, it was announced without explanation to-day.

It was believed Joe Hunt, of Los Angeles, might possibly replace Riggs.

On the basis of his sensational 1936 season, Riggs had been considered an outstanding candidate for No. 2 singles berth on the Davis Cup squad.

He has been barnstorming through the South in the past few months, however, and has been eliminated from every tournament.

PROBABLE TEAM

The United States probably will depend upon Donald Budge and Frankie Parker to play the Davis Cup singles matches against Japan at San Francisco, on April 20 and May 1 and 2, with Budge and Mako handling the doubles.

These three with Joseph Hunt, of California, were selected to-day to meet the Japanese, but Hunt will probably be held in reserve.

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NEW FISTIC WONDER APPEARS

OUT TO AVENGE LUIS FIRPO

ALBERTO LOVELL'S AMAZING CAREER

Los Angeles, April 23.

He isn't strictly a puncher nor does he like them on the chin, but black and tan Alberto Lovell is out to avenge his countryman, Luis Firpo, and he may do it.

This new heavyweight menace insisted in double time Spanish that Firpo was given the business straight, and that the matter shortly will be avenged by Alberto Lovell. Although vague as to the reason for the vendetta, he started at the Olympic Auditorium, where he climbed twice from the floor and beat Andre Lenglet.

Observers agree that they don't understand how he did it. Lenglet, French champion, in a dozen bouts has walked through the better coast performers, particularly Phil Brubaker and Buddy Baer. Lovell, weaving and bobbing fashion, ducked in and out and won six rounds with two more of the 10 even. Despite his killer reputation he did not punch hard and crumpled when struck on the chin. Yet he finished like a homing pigeon and won a clean decision.

ALL BUT BRADDOCK

To-day, face still bruised from Lenglet's woodchipping lefts, Lovell was ready for the flagship Pennsylvania. Through an interpreter he challenged all, but titleholder James J. Braddock. He will box Joe Louis, Bob Pastor or Max Schmeling, Alberto explained, but Braddock is the property of another.

Given the loudest build-up here in almost a decade, Lovell—unlovely from an aesthetic view—no longer is equipped for rough-and-tumble mixing. He has been taught to avoid his wild rushes, and has drilled on boxing technique. He has these things in his favour:

OLYMPIC WINNER

1. The 1932 Olympic games heavyweight championship. For the title he defeated Finland's Gunnar Barland and Hans Kohlnass of Germany.
2. Knockout victories in 14 of 19 professional bouts.
3. Too tough for Tommy Loughran, he was fired after one round as a sparring partner.
4. Flashy boxing ability and strength to dance 10 rounds.
5. A two-round knockout victory over Jorge Brescia. (Joe Louis took three.)
6. Ignorance of English. He cann't understand insults of the customers.

IN IRONS

Alberto was the problem child of Olympic village here in 1932. He put a shot through the wall of a cute village house, picked extra-curricular fights with officials and on the boat trip home knocked out so many of the crew that he finished his triumphant voyage in irons.

Overconfident, his first professional bout was a great victory—for his opponent. Alberto was out—but not down—in seven rounds. Two months later he won his next start by a knockout.

His manager admits Alberto's love of give and take was a headache, but thinks the habit is broken permanently. He has cut out the street fights. Lovell has been convinced they do not swell his income.

Afte. much legal wrangling in an effort to compel James J. Braddock to meet him for the world heavyweight boxing title, Max Schmeling grew weary and sailed for Germany, with the situation still unsettled. The German fighter is shown at the gangplank of the Queen Mary, taking leave of his American manager, Joe Jacobs.

DOCKYARD HOLD RIFLE MEETING

On Saturday the Dockyard Recreation Club held a Spoon Handicap shoot at Stonecutters Island under very favourable conditions, the light holding out well, but a tricky wind blowing occasionally. Mr. Pollard won the shoot. The following were the scores:—

	200 yards	500 yards	600 yards	Total.
Cory	32	30	31	93
Pollard	32	29	31	92
Watson	32	32	28	92
Blake	29	30	32	91
Parkham	29	30	31	90
Austin	31	28	31	90
Bolton	30	30	28	88
Deacon	29	31	26	86

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB WEEKEND RESULTS

SUMMER CUP QUALIFYING ROUND DRAW

The semi-final round of the Kowloon Golf Club Open Foursomes competition resulted as follows:—

R. K. Collings and A. A. Lopes beat T. D. Paton and A. J. Dennis 5 and 4.

F. C. Barry and C. G. Anderson beat F. E. Lawrence and F. A. Hill 6 and 5.

The following are the Kowloon Golf Club starting times for the Summer Cup qualifying round which will take place next Sunday:—

8.42 a.m. M. A. Cairns, W. Kershaw.
8.46 a.m. J. McKelvie, S. Jex.
8.50 a.m. C. G. Anderson, J. Redman.
8.54 a.m. B. Basto, W. Tayler.
8.58 a.m. F. E. Booker, A. S. Read.
9.02 a.m. F. A. Hill, R. K. Collings.
9.06 a.m. K. S. Robertson, F. E. Lawrence.
9.10 a.m. J. J. Basto, F. C. Barry.
9.14 a.m. A. J. Dennis, J. Gelletly.
9.18 a.m. J. Smedley, A. A Lopes.
9.22 a.m. A. W. da Roza, E. W. Gardiner.
9.26 a.m. Wm. Orr, W. M. Groves.
9.30 a.m. W. C. Simpson, F. J. Hammick.
9.34 a.m. G. C. Moss, H. H. Mundy.
9.38 a.m. E. C. Fincher, E. W. Loveless.
9.42 a.m. J. D. Thomson, W. Stoker.
9.46 a.m. D. J. H. Anderson, J. R. Leitch.
9.50 a.m. A. E. H. Castro, T. D. Paton.

"MIRACLE" HORSE WITH BROKEN NECK WINS

Henri's Choice Again A Favourite

London.

A broken neck appears to have improved Henri's Choice, Britain's "miracle" horse.

Two years ago the horse fell and received a broken neck at Liverpool, but the then owner, B. Warne, employed the most skilled veterinary surgeons to save the horse's life. Last year, after making an amazing recovery, Henri's Choice returned to the turf.

It was not long before he won a race. Now he has won his second race over hurdles at Sandown Park, starting at 10 to 1 against setting the pace throughout and gaining a spectacular victory.

The present owner is Graeme Whitelaw, and it is believed that he paid about $10,000 for Henri's Choice.

SCHMELING WAS NOT WORRIED

QUESTION WHICH NOBODY CAN ANSWER

BRADDOCK A POOR CHAMPION

New York.

Max Schmeling wasn't worried. Not much, anyway. He was just pacing the floor for exercise. He was sure Braddock wouldn't run out on a certain rendezvous, set for early in the summer time.

Of course, Max did look somewhat nervous. Clearly, he was fidgety. But worry about his appointment with Braddock? Certainly not.

His brow, it is true, was wrinkled. The Schmeling frown was deep. But he was positive Braddock would be on hand June 3. He simply emanated assurance when he exclaimed: "They can't get away with this! Braddcok must fight me in June! He signed the contract, no? They cannot break the contract. The courts will make them obey the laws."

It was easy to see that Max was undisturbed. There were just a few questions he would like to ask, however:

YES, WHY?

"What is the reason they are doing this to me? I earned that championship fight when I knocked out Joe Louis. Now I find that Louis has taken my place against Braddock. Why? Why do they do this to me!

"Braddock is the champion. It is his fault he does not draw. So he has to pick Louis to draw a crowd, eh? Why does he think I will not draw?"

It was explained to Schmeling that a threatened anti-nazi boycott of any fight in which he were to participate would kill all chances of a heavy take.

SPORT NOT POLITICS

Schmeling was ready for that. He was confident as ever:

American people are too good sportsmen to do anything like that. This is sport, not politics."

Schmeling's calm assurance was reflected by his stooge and manager, Joe Jacobs:

"They can't get away with this thing. (Joe always is very final when inserting his two-cents' worth.) We'll take this thing to the Federal courts. You can't fool around with the Federal courts. Why, if they got away with it in this instance not one contract in the country would be worth the scrap of paper it was written on."

Jacobs was raving on about injunctions, subpoenas, etc., when Schmeling, still perfectly confident, interrupted:

SILLY IDEA

"Where did they get the idea that I would take the title back to Germany and never defend it after I beat Braddock? That is so silly. Why I would not be considered champion if I did not defend against the best man available."

Max was reminded that Braddock was still regarded as champion although he had not defended the crown since he won it nearly two years ago.

Schmeling did not waver. "Champion! Bah!" he hissed. Obviously, Schmeling hasn't a care in the world.

SCOTTISH RUGBY CAP IN SHANGHAI

K. W. MARSHALL'S OPINION OF CALCUTTA CUP MATCH

SHANGHAI, APRIL 21.

PAYING HIS FOURTH VISIT TO CHINA, MR. K. W. MARSHALL HAS ARRIVED IN SHANGHAI ALMOST STRAIGHT FROM MURRAYFIELD, WHERE TO HIS GREAT SATISFACTION HE WAS ABLE TO PLAY A GAME FOR HIS COUNTRY, ALBEIT THE RESULT OF THE MATCH DID NOT ACCORD WITH SCOTTISH EXPECTATIONS.

On return from China, K. W. Marshall resumed his Rugger engagements with the Edinburgh Wanderers. He was first capped for Scotland against Wales in 1934 and he played against that country for three seasons. His other caps were against Ireland in 1934 and 1935 and against England in the same years. During this last season he received a place in the Scottish trial, but sustained a severe injury to his shoulder which the doctors feared would put him out of action for the season.

Happily, he conceived the idea of taking a trip to Germany for winter sports and there he received medical treatment which enabled him to get back to the game and to be selected to play full back for the Calcutta Cup match.

SEVER'S BRILLIANCE

Marshall confirms the reports which have already shown that the match was a splendid one. Outside an English pack which invariably got the ball, the work of Unwin, who is very fast and was playing for England for the first time, and Sever's brilliance, proved the turning point and thus gave England their first victory at Murrayfield.

England managed to beat Scotland and Marshall considers the Scotsmen were lucky that the score was not heavier, but he is not disposed to say that England was really the best of the four international fifteens of the year—although the fact that England won the championship must be regarded as fairly conclusive.

GO TO IRELAND

But among Rugger men at Home, he says, the opinion is that the palm must really go to Ireland as the best of the year and unlucky to lose against England, who seemed to have an uncanny knack of pulling their matches out of the fire until they met Scotland, when they won clearly on their merits.

The Scottish three-quarters were good in the centre, but they were out-classed by the English wings. Playing in the centre was D. J. Macrae, of St. Andrew's University, whose brother has come to Shanghai and is a doughty forward, as is already known locally.

GOING TO PEIPING

Marshall is at present paying a short visit to his cousin, Mr. R. Calder-Marshall, and he proposes shortly to go up to Peiping, where he is starting in business for himself, with good connections at Home.

The knowledge gained of China on his previous visits will be of great service to him and it is probable that he has played in his last Rugger match, if the prospects before him in China appear as satisfactory as he hopes.

BRITISH HARD COURTS CHAMPIONSHIP

Austin Wins Easily Over Stroud

MISS STAMMERS SCRATCHES

Bournemouth, To-day.

The British Davis Cup players are all appearing in the British Hard Courts Tennis Championship, which opened here yesterday.

H. W. ("Bunny") Austin, upon whom the mantle of Fred Perry has fallen this year, was in brilliant form and beat F. R. Stroud, a left-handed player recently returned from Burma, in straight sets with the loss of only two games.

Austin won by 6-1, 6-1, 6-0.

Miss Kay Stammers, who has won the Woman's Singles title at Bournemouth for the last two years, was obliged to scratch owing to gastric influenza.—Reuter.

BATTER STRUCK ON HEAD BY PITCHED BALL

DOERR ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL

U.S. BASEBALL RESULTS

New York, To-day.

The first serious accident in the American Baseball season occurred yesterday when Doerr, the Red Sox home-run clouter, was hit on the head by a pitched ball and carried off, his injury necessitating his subsequent removal to hospital. Boston won their American League encounter against the Senators, however, by 12 runs to 5.

There was only one other encounter in the American League, the Yankees trouncing the Athletics easily. Two other games between Chicago and Cleveland, and St. Louis and Detroit, were washed out by rain.

Only one encounter was held in the National League, three games being postponed owing to rain. These were between New York and Philadelphia; Cincinnatti and Chicago; and Pittsburgh and St. Louis.

Results as cabled by Reuter, were:—

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Boston	9	13	0
Brooklyn	5	15	4

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Philadelphia	1	6	2
New York	7	13	2
Washington	5	10	3
Boston	12	15	4

—Reuter.

TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS

Latest Call-Over In London

London, To-day.

The following is the latest call-over for the Two Thousand Guineas, which will be run to-morrow:—

Foray 3 to 1.
Fairford 75 to 20.
Fair Copy 11 to 2.
Le Grand Duc 17 to 2.
Goya 2nd 10 to 1.
Diplomat 100 to 7 t and o.
The Hour 100 to 6 o, 20 to 1 t.
Sun Bather 22 to 1.
Mid-Day Sun 33 to 1 t and o.

The Derby

The following is the latest call-over for the Derby, which will be run at Epsom on June 2:—

Fairford 7 to 1 o, 15 to 2 t.
Le Grand Duc 10 to 1.
Perifox 100 to 8.
Goya 2nd 100 to 7 o.
The Hour 100 to 7 o, 15 to 1 t.
Foray 15 to 1 o, 100 to 6 t.
Gainsborough Lass 100 to 6 o, 18 to 1 t.

—Reuter.

HOME SOCCER

WEST HAM DEFEAT THE VILLA

London, To-day.

The following are the results of Football League matches played yesterday:—

SECOND DIVISION

West Ham	2	Villa	1

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Walsall	1	Newport	2

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

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Tranmere	6	Gateshead	1

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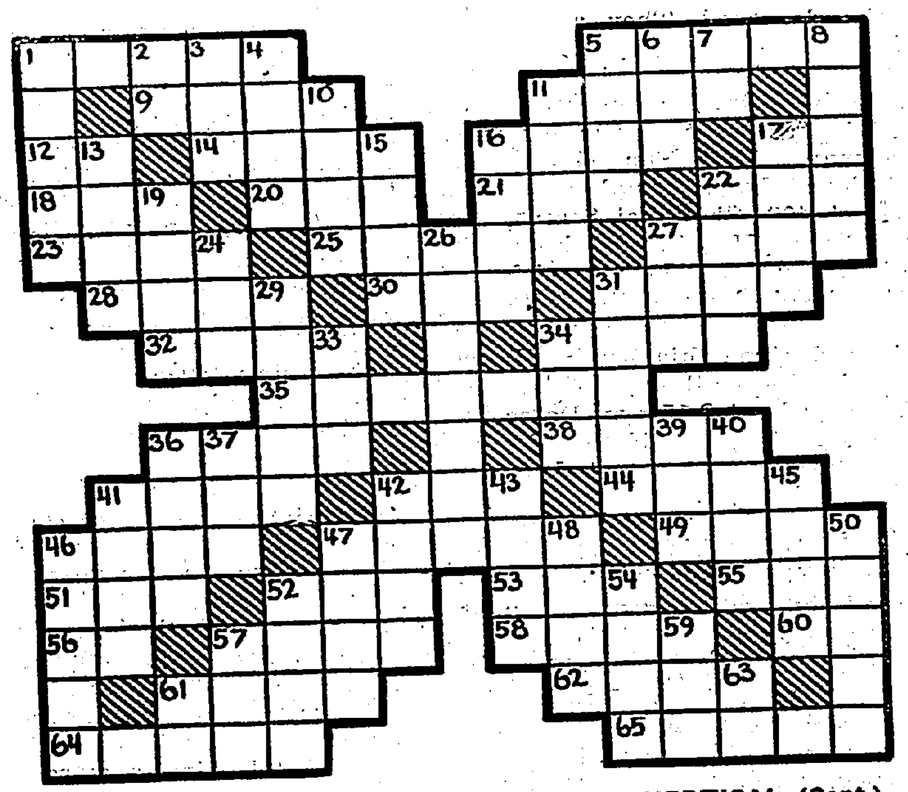
By Order of the Board,
J. C. GUTERRES.
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 12th April, 1937.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-world puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL
1–Repaired
5–Hollow form
9–Placed
11–Part of a plant
12–And (Lat.)
14–Portuguese coin (pl.)
16–Alienate the affections of
17–Near by
18–Adjust
20–Condensed moisture
21–Ever (contr.)
22–Blind
23–Warmth
25–Small candle
27–A nut covering
28–Moved swiftly
30–Bow the head
31–Interdicts
32–Frozen crystals
34–Passage-money
35–Rows gently
36–Greek god of war
38–Bird home
41–Part of the eye
42–Part of a circle
44–Venture
46–Slide
47–Ascends

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
49–Fastens
51–Old times (Poet.)
52–Marry
53–Used in negation
55–Grease
56–Plural suffix
57–Kitchen utensil (pl.)
58–Lacerated
60–Act
61–Twisted
62–Egyptian river
64–Wasted
65–Shallow dish

VERTICAL
1–New
2–Forty
3–Corn-spike
4–Expired
5–Heavenly body
6–A fowl
7–Type measure
8–Tardier
10–Course of food
11–One who foretells
13–Golf mounds
15–Web-footed fowl

VERTICAL (Cont.)
16–Worthless plant
17–Ventilates
19–A military signal
22–Melody
24–Half a score
26–Pulverizes
27–Hinder
29–Drugs
31–Established
33–Existed
34–Marsh
36–Dry
37–Tear
39–Plant-juice
40–Group of three
41–Troubles
42–Helps
43–Monetary unit
45–Girls' name
46–Percolates
47–Tore
48–Early
50–Slant
52–Desire
54–Make a misstep
57–Enclosure
59–Old English measure
61–Exist
63–Each (abbr.)

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

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34 Electric Table Fan.
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42 Marble Top Opium Stool.
43 Old Marble Clock.
44 Philips HT Supply Unit.
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CHARCOAL MURDER CASE

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P.W.D. DRAUGHTSMAN ON TRIAL

THE "CHARCOAL MURDER CASE" IN WHICH A 24-YEAR-OLD P.W.D. DRAUGHTSMAN, CHIU YUK-FAI, IS ACCUSED OF THE MURDER OF A WOMAN, CHEUNG YUK-CHING, 27, COMMENCED THIS MORNING BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR, AT THE SUPREME COURT.

The accused, represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr., entered a plea of not guilty. The following jury was empanelled: Messrs. J. L. Robinson (Foreman), C. R. Wilson, Yew Man-chiu, B. W. Simmons, M. B. Reyes, E. A. Kinsey and F. J. H. Jenner.

The Crown was represented by the Assistant Attorney General, Mr. E. H. Williams.

CONFIDED IN ACCUSED

According to the Crown case, the victim was the concubine of Chan Wun, master of a leather shop in Jervois Street. She was staying at No. 400, Portland Street, where she was the principal tenant of the floor. Her husband visited her monthly to give her allowances. She became acquainted with accused while staying at No. 79, Laichikok Road. Accused visited her frequently, but usually in the company of two friends, Ho Wing and Ng Kau-tip.

Being ignorant of the legal procedure to recover some money which was owing to her, she confided in the accused who introduced her to a firm of solicitors. Action was taken in due course, but the principal debtor had absconded, it was believed, to Macau.

During early December, accused planned a pleasure trip to Macao at the expense of the murdered woman, and in the company of Ho Wing, introduced her to another man, described as dark, and believed to be an Indian or a Portuguese. Deceased was led to believe that the man was a Government Official from Macao. He produced some papers, on which accused had written meaningless words, and informed her that one document was a summons for her to go to Macao, where the absconding debtor had been arrested, and that the other document was a receipt for service of summons.

PARTY AT MACAO

The company, including the deceased, accused and his friends went to Macao on December 13, all expenses being paid by deceased.

They stayed at a hotel and had a party during which a considerable amount of drink was consumed and at which a quarrel occurred between deceased and the accused. Accused wanted the false documents and blows were exchanged. He snatched deceased's handbag and tore up the documents. The Macao police later patched up the documents and gave them back to deceased.

Following their return to Hong Kong, deceased threatened legal action, but a settlement was eventually reached whereby the accused agreed to pay her $250. He paid her $150 and signed an I.O.U. for $100. From that time, continued Mr. E. H. Williams, up to the day of the crime, there was evidence to show that deceased continually pressed accused for payment of the promissory note. It was the desire to obtain the false documents, stressed Mr. Williams, that led to the murder.

"SAVE LIFE"

Deceased left her house at about noon on February 28, giving her amah $100 and a gold bangle for safe keeping. She went for Mah Jongg at No. 43, Kiloong Street, where she played until about 2 p.m. when a man, alleged to be accused, shouted out for her from the street and took her away. There was evidence, added Mr. Williams, that deceased returned to her flat for a few minutes after this, presumably to get the promissory note and the false documents.

Shortly after 2 p.m. a woman Wong Hop, residing on the second floor of No. 323, Reclamation Street, who was nursing her child in the passage way saw a woman and a man going up the stairs to the vacant top flat. This witness, continued Mr. Williams, will say that the woman's hair was bobbed and that she recognised the man as the accused. This witness would testify further that she heard a woman's voice shout out four times "Save Life" soon after the couple entered the flat, but she paid no further attention as she heard no further noise.

Another witness, Wong Lai-chan, residing on the floor beneath the vacant floor, would say that she heard a woman shout "Safe Life" but also paid no further attention as no one-else appeared to be interested. She also heard a noise upstairs.

"BURNING OLD IRON"

Chiu Chi-fong, brother of the accused, would say that at about 2.15 p.m. he saw accused standing at the doorway with a stranger of the coolie type. Witness spoke to them and then left.

Ng Cheung, an amah employed by accused, was washing clothes in the bathroom of No. 319, Reclamation Street, between 2 and 3 p.m. when she saw accused walking along the passage with something about 15 inches wide held in front of him. She could not say what it was, but the Crown would say that this was the box in which the body was placed. Accused's mother at about 3.50 p.m. went along to the kitchen of No. 323 to feed some chickens which were kept there, but accused stopped her and said he would feed them. A strange man also came forward and volunteered to feed the chickens. Witness said she would feed them herself whereupon the strange man went to the kitchen and came out with the chicken coop which he placed in the rear cubicle.

The witness noticed a fire in the kitchen and asked what it was. Accused replied that they were only "burning old iron" and witness went back to her room.

"BURNING CHARCOAL"

The amah employed by the accused's wife, saw the accused carrying something into the vacant flat. She could not say what it was, but the Crown's case was that this was probably the box in which the body was placed. Later, as smoke was coming into her sitting room she looked through the peep hole of the vacant flat and saw accused who in reply to her question said that they were burning charcoal to prepare a food party for his mother.

Tang Shiu-cheuk, another Crown witness, would testify that accused tried to prevent him from entering the flat, explaining the fire in the kitchen by saying that he was only burning opium. Tang, however, pushed past him, and going to the kitchen door, saw that there was a fire burning fiercely on the floor. He promptly ran back to the verandah and raised the alarm.

Mr. C. W. Brand, Officer-in-Charge, Mongkok Fire Station, would say that when he entered the kitchen, the accused tried to prevent him, saying that it was all right as the fire was out.

DISCOVERY OF CORPSE

Lying on the heap of charcoal and firewood, witness saw a green-painted shutter and ordered a Chinese fireman to remove it. He did so, and witness saw what seemed to him to be an animal being roasted. He lifted up a red enamelled basin at one end of the heap and saw that it had been covering the head of a human corpse. He turned for accused, but he had disappeared.

The Police found that the hands and legs had been tied with electric flex, the mouth being gagged by a girdle. Flex had also been tied around the throat. Police searched the accused's cubicle and found a ladies' handbag and wallet containing article of jewellery which were later identified as belonging to the deceased. They also found a hammer.

Accused did not return to the house but his movements were traced. He went to the house of a woman, Chan Fong-shan, who was formerly an amah of a relation, at 409, Shanghai Street, second floor. He stayed there the night saying that he was sick and had a headache and the following morning got the woman to cut his hair and shave his head. He remained there all day. The next morning, about 2.15 a.m. Detective-Inspector Carey arrived and placed accused under arrest for murder.

GOLD TOOTH

Dr. R. S. Begbie, Assistant Government Bacteriologist, who performed the post mortem, would say that the body was identified by fragments of clothing and a gold capped tooth. The skull was cracked in several places from the heat and there was a fracture which had occurred during life, by a blow from a hammer.

Death had probably occurred before burning.

ACCUSED'S STATEMENT

Accused's statement in answer to the charge was a follows:—"I do not admit having killed this girl because I did not kill her with my own hand. I can admit having taken the deceased, Cheung Yuk-ching, up to the floor. When the deceased was murdered I was also present and witnessed (the murder). The reason I took deceased up to the floor was because I desired to get back certain written proofs, belonging to me, in order to prevent her from taking legal proceedings against me. The way in which I intended to get back the written proofs was to make her insensible by blowing upon her stupefying smoke, and to get back the written proofs without causing any danger to her life. The person I employed to apply the stupefying smoke was one called To Waiman. He claimed that he had stupefying smoke with which he could stupefy anybody without causing danger to life. He said it was necessary for him to apply (the smoke) with his own hand and that if I wanted to stupefy anybody he could do it for me. I promised to give him the sum of $30 as "tea money" for the recovery of the written proofs. So he promised to do it for me. When the incident took place that day it was beyond my expectations. Instead of using the stupefying smoke he strangled her by using force and threatened me with menace. I was compelled to submit to what he had done. He actually committed a murder and robbery. With a view to destroying the dead body he set fire to burn it. The reason why I did not make a noise was because the incident had taken place in my own house and people had seen me going up to the floor in company with the deceased. That was the reason why I did not dare to make a noise. At that time I did call out "save life" and tell him to refrain from so doing. Unexpectedly he threatened me with a knife saying thus:— "If you make a noise (I will) stab you to death as well. For this reason I did not dare to make (any more) noise.

Concluding, Mr. Williams stated that there were witnesses to the fact that accused did not shout for help as he maintained in a statement to the police. No one heard a man shouting.

If two persons set out to commit an offence either of them, he added, was liable to suffer the consequence of whatever might occur during the committing of that offence. Therefore, added Mr. Williams, the accused was guilty of murder on his own statement.

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